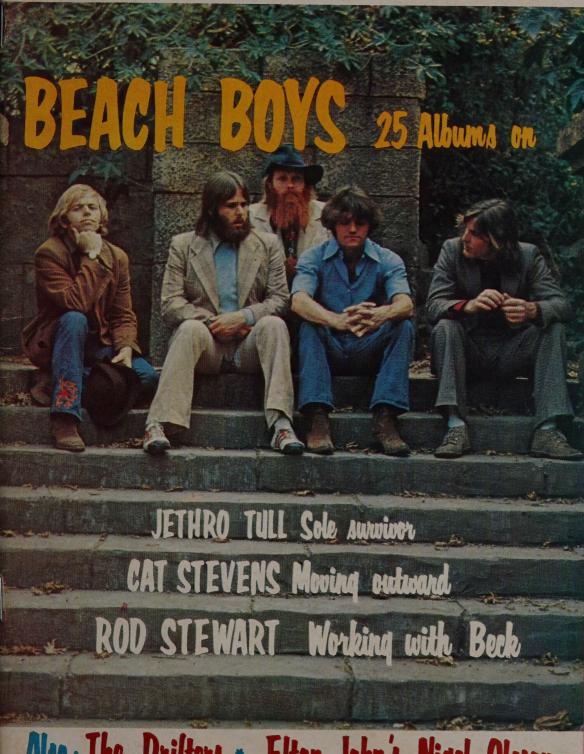
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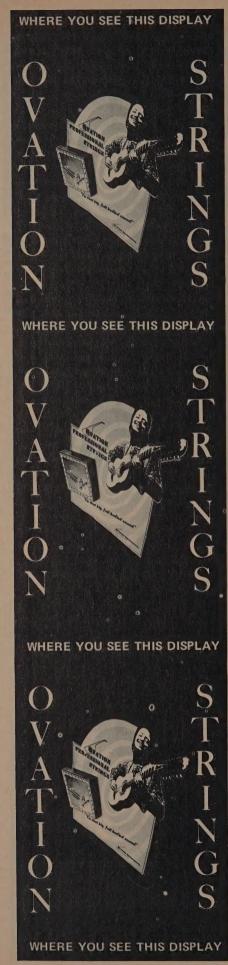
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Yet nostalgia beats in the hearts of the hardest of hard rockers — Jimmy Page in this issue reflects on his favorite records and comes down firmly on the side of the early Sun label material, early Elvis, Cash and Perkins out of the Memphis scene.... count the number of heavy groups, Led Zeppelin included, that close their acts with a rousing rock and roll medley, vintage mid Fifties and beyond. . . . and the Nader rock and roll revival shows draw a certainly under 30 crowd.

Richard Nader, a promoter based in New York put on his first rock re-

vival show, genuine names from early rock, headlined by Bill Haley and his Comets, two years ago at the smaller Felt Forum in Madison Square Gardens. Attendance was good, appreciation ecstatic, and yet many thought that it was a good one shot idea. No future as a long term thing.

Two years later, Nader moves his shows into the much much bigger main arena at Madison Square Gardens and fills them. More importantly, around the country, Nader has booked just over 100 genuine-name rock revival shows that have grossed \$750,000.

Nader says: "The appreciation is there and it's growing."

True enough -- because rock roots appreciation has moved out of the small privately distributed labels specializing in reissues to major com-

panies making a big thing out of their vintage and veteran reissues, as if they just thought of them. It's money in the vaults for them.

Radio too -- many disc jockies have realized the power and potency of playing the oldies tune, which Nader himself almost regarded as a plug for his shows. (Nader incidentally is exporting his rock revivalism to Europe in 1972).

It's all down to education, we suppose. The days when new was best and last week was old hat are long gone and unmourned. Nowadays the people who buy records are aware of the roots that go into today's rock. . .and they are genuinely interested in them. It's gone beyond camp.

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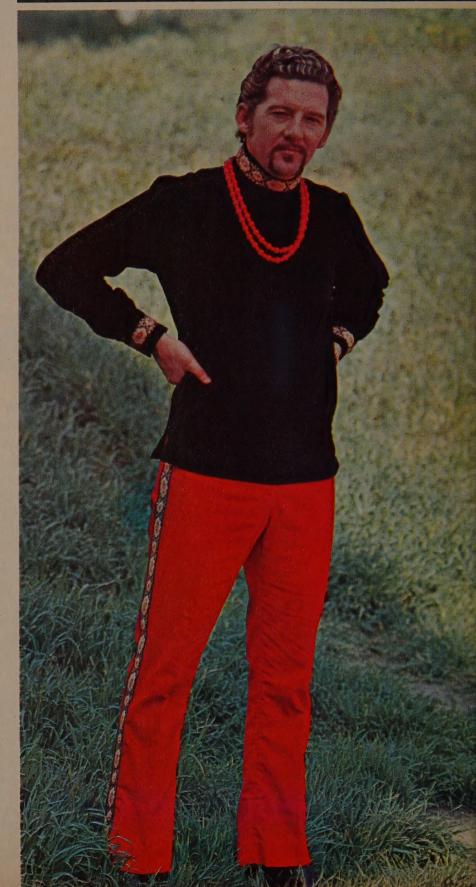
JERRY LEE LEWIS Short Note

When musicologists write the history of American pop music in the mid-portion of the 20th Century, they will have to objectively devote a full chapter to the incredible contribution of Jerry Lee Lewis. Along with Elvis, Chuck Berry and a handful of other pillars, Lewis brought world-wide recognition to the now-much-copied American rock and roll.

For it was "root" figures like these long-lasting musicians and singers who provided rock and roll with global coverage from the mass media communication entities on the then growing interest in that uniquely American music form now so widely imitated. Lewis broke the "sound barrier" in early TV. His performances and life story and every activity were chronicled electronically by every major world wire service. His hits were international in scope.

All this from a completely self-taught musician-singer whose birth certificate lies in the files of the town hall of Ferriday, Louisiana, Jerry's father, Elmo, and his mother, Mary Ethel, still reside in his hometown, where he was born Sept. 29, 1935. Located about nine miles outside of Natchez, Mississippi, Lewis' father is still a carpenter, doing some contracting in the area. But the old upright piano, where Lewis picked out his first melodies is gone from the original home in which he and his parents lived. That piano is now a showpiece in Jerry Lee's home in the Memphis area. His parents now live in a finer home, which Lewis was able to provide from his earnings.

Jerry Lee looks back on a homelife with his parents and his two sisters, Linda Gail and Frankie Jean, both younger than him, that was filled with music. Both parents sang in the Assembly of God church in Ferriday. Elmo Lewis played both guitar and piano. Jerry's first recollection of playing was on his dad's six-string guitar. He just picked it up and played chords purely by ear. The stamp of versatility which characterizes Lewis' musical history stems from an area where everything from boogie woogie to the blues; country and western from the earliest Jimmie Rodgers to the then-popular Hank Williams; and even straight pop music was played on local radio and the juke boxes.



BEACH BOYS 25 Albums On

There is a new Beach Boys album, a musical event that keeps on happening over the years and which continues to grow in importance. This is the boys 25th album including five "best of" efforts that were released when they were on Capitol Records. They started ten years ago, in their mid-teens, and they were the king of the surf-bands knocking out hit after hit inspired by the Pacific waves of their homeland southern California. As they outlasted the other surf bands, their style became more distinct. Their harmonies were unique and were a heavy influence on the early Beatles.

As they got older they changed. They studied meditation with the Maharishi, Carl Wilson was arrested for evading the draft, and their music became ever more complex and unique. Producer Brian Wilson emerged as an eccentric genius, never appearing in public but always at home working in the studio on new material. Their last big hit was "Good Vibrations" in 1967, but rock critics have praised all of their last six or seven albums. Last year they released "Sunflower" the first effort on their own record label Brother Records, and they re-entered the spotlight, this time as classic pros, musical magicians, and the longest running popular rock group. Symbolically their moment came when the Beach Boys, who at one time represented everything simple in rock, jammed with the Grateful Dead, who represent everything complex, on the stage of the Fillmore East. They also made a guest appearance at the closing of the Fillmore East, and they appeared at the May Day, antiwar, rock festival in Washington D.C.

But the Beach Boys have not changed in a self-conscious self saving manner. They have simply grown. Their original appeal, love of nature and good times, have matured; and their music which began as smooth simple harmonies, has developed into a highly complex, but still very smooth blending of sounds. Superficially they are different-their hair is long, their politics are radical, their music is now considered intellectual. But at the core they still appeal to that in man which is universal, and that is why they are so popular.

Like the Beatles "Sgt. Pepper's" album, "Surf's Up," is a diversified mixture of many themes. It begins with "Dont Go Near the Water" an ecology song that bemoans waterpollution. The Beach Boys' love of the water moves them to sadness at its poisoning. Ecology is a prime Beach Boy concern these days. Dennis Wilson has said he'd like to donate all the money he makes to improving the environment. "Long Promised Road" is a classic spiritually searching song. It tells of the struggle between weakness and strenath. "So hard to drink the passion of nectar when the taste of life is holding me down." It is as timeless as "My Sweet Lord," "Take A Load Off Your Feet," is a musical tribute to feet, the whimsical Beach Boys humor. "Disney Girls" is a gently nostalgic remembrance of youth, and "Student Demonstration Time" advises people to "stay away when there's a riot going on" to the tune of "Riot in Cellblock #9."

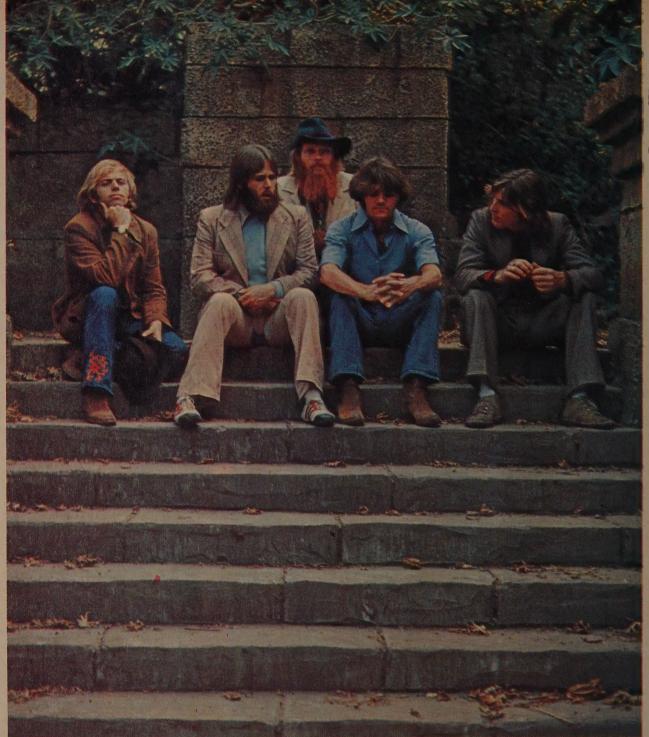
The second side opens with another cosmic masterpiece, "Feel Flows." Next comes the most political song on the

album, "Looking at Tomorrow (The Welfare Song)" a perceptive portrait of American life ("I had to take to sweeping floors, I don't mind that so much, or the changing of my luck, but you know I could be doing so much more.") Next is "A Day in the Life of a Tree," a tree's version of what pollution is doing and a very sad song. "Till I Die," is a brief poetic riddle, and "Surf's Up," an elaborate verbal portrait of life.

The music is filled with electronic effects which the Beach Boys use with more taste and imagination than any other rock group now recording. Their statement is filled with innocence and hope along with peaceful wisdom that comes from spiritual beliefs. Instead of imitating others, they have gotten to sound more and more like themselves. "Surf's Up" is more characteristically Beach Boys than any other album, but it is also broader, more diverse, and far reaching.

Most talk about the Beach Boys involves a snicker that they are still in existence, a raised eyebrow that they are good musicians, a cynical listening, and a sudden joyous addiction. While most groups, even the successful ones, have struggled to keep up with changing musical times, the Beach Boys go on as if they didn't care at all if anyone listened to them. Obviously they love what they do and are mainly concerned with self expression.

Rock and roll originally came out of suffering (the blues) and the desire to have a good time (get it on). It became "serious" when people realized that suffering and having a good time were as serious and as real as anything could be. As the Beach Boys



have gotten more intellectual lyrically, they have not forgotten their love of good times, of surfing, hamburgers and root beer, cars, and the other joys of modern life. It's appropriate that the most intellectually complex song on the album "Long Promised Road," is backed by the most bouncing singable rock melody. It's a Beach Boys instant classic even if you don't hear the words.

The album, as all recent Beach Boys albums, was recorded by the most complex means available. Moog and electronic effects were used, and it was mixed quadrophonically which means that the few people who own four speaker amps can hear four separate signals through it. This is one of the first rock albums to be so produced.

The Beach Boys, Alan Jardine, Carl and Dennis Wilson, Mike Love, and Bruce Johnston, are often on the road where they are backed up by strings and horns. Producer Brian Wilson stays at home dreaming of new sounds and unthinkable musical concepts. They are excited about their record label, and hope to record other groups on it. Already they recorded Flame, a South African R& B group. They want to re-

volutionize the distribution of money in the company and set a precedent for a more human way of making and selling records. They do as many free concerts as they can afford. They always mix in their old favorites with their new material. To hear them run through their hits is like hearing a musical history of the last decade. You are struck with amazement at the influence they have had, and when you hear how relevant, alive and creative they continue to be, you wonder why you don't listen to their records all the time.

DANNY GOLDBERG

GENYARAMAN Out On Her Own



GENYA RAVAN — now starting a solo career following an all girl group and a jazz rock band.

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Genya Ravan, for many years the featured singer with Ten Wheel Drive, is now on her own. Columbia Records has released her first solo album, "Genya Ravan - Inside Outside," and she's now on the road. Among the problems to be faced in each city are male groupies.

"They're 14 and 15-year old boys who want to grow up with me," Genya says. "The same faces in different towns."

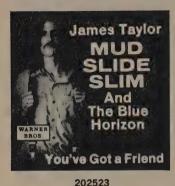
Genya should have known the day she was born that things would always be weird. Her mother and father were expendable commodities, Polish Jews wandering through a world of genocide. Somehow or other the Zelkovich family survived, came to America in the late forties, sighed and settled in the lower East Side of New York City. Relatives told them Genya was not an American name and so Genya became Goldie.

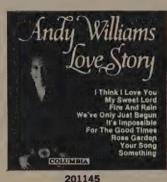
"All my fun really came out of radio," Genya recalls. "I had a radio I listened to all the time. I used to listen to Cat Man which was a stoned rhythm and blues show. I couldn't even talk English but I related to rhythm and blues immediately. My father had this restaurant and he had a partner that was a black cat. I used to call him Uncle Louie. He bought me my first record player and the first tune that he bought me was 'Shake A Hand' by Etta James."

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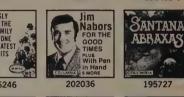
































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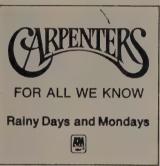
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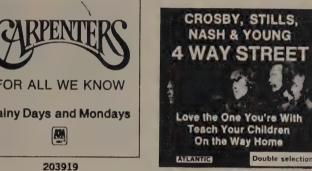
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BLOODROCK The Texas Feeling

Bloodrock is Jim Rutledge, lead singer, Lee Pickens, lead guitar, Nick Taylor, rhythm guitar, vocals, Eddie Grundy, bass, vocals, Steve Hill, keyboards, vocals and Rick Cobb, drums, vocals.

All members of Bloodrock write. Jim Rutledge called their sound, "Hard, heavy and deep. Mean and dirty."

They are produced by Terry Knight, who also manages and produces Grand Funk Railroad.

Here Jim and Steve Hill talk to Lynne Randall. . . .

HP: What are some of your influences? JIM RUTLEDGE: When we first started writing the original material, there weren't really any influences because we were trying not to classify ourselves or put ourselves in a certain style of band. I'd say Lee Pickens, our lead guitarist, was a Jimi Hendrix fan from the very beginning. Most of us have record collections - Steve Hill, our pignist, was into stuff like classical music to jazz to Jimmie Smith organ playing to Savoy Brown, Fleetwood Mac, Blodwyn Pig and then into soft stuff too. James Taylor, Elton John type stuff. We are really not influenced by other people as far as the type of music we write.

We want people to listen to our music for what our music is -- we don't want them to classify us with Grand Funk, Black Sabbath, Allman Brothers, James Gang and whoever is in the same type of thing.

STEVE HILL: The whole classification thing is getting us so down that we don't even like to talk about it at all.

HP: What is it about Texas that has made so many groups leave and yet made you stay?

JIM: Until probably a year ago, Texas was about two years behind everything else that was going on. Dallas now has an FM station and the people

have really gotten themselves together and that's helped people to appreciate musically what's going on.

And Texas has now turned into probably the second largest concert market.

In Texas we really feel a lot freer because the West Coast and the East Coast are so fast and there's so many groups trying to cut everybody else to get to the top.

STEVE: The simplest reason why we didn't go anywhere was because we were quote discovered unquote in Texas and we didn't have to go somewhere else to have somebody findus. We got our break while we were playing a fraternity gig in Dallas. There was never any strong need to move from Texas to get our job done and we like Texas pretty much. There are a couple of places that are real hip to me in Texas -- Austin and Denton. Denton's really superhip because the music school there is one of the best in the country, especially for jazz musicians.

JIM: I think if we hadn't been in contact with the people who got us going with the label (Capitol Records) and everything else, there might have been a move. Like when Terry Knight came in and picked up on the group it really saved us — that got us out of Texas without having to leave. At the time we were playing gigs and play-

ing out original music which you weren't supposed to as a TEXAS group!

If a record label had some young blood in it they should get involved in the Austin, Houston, Denton and Dallas area. They'd have a gold mine on their hands, there's so much talent.

HP: What is it about Texas that produces this?

STEVE: It's like England, which geographically is not even bigger than the state of Alabama but is very rock oriented because they find out about it at a very early age.

JIM: People in Texas who are really serious about music are around 20 years old and have had five, six or seven years playing experience and writing experience. But they've never been able to do anything because they've been in Texas. If you started in Los Angeles and you didn't get recognition for what you were doing after a while, you'd probably drop out and go to college and get a degree. Also, because of the size of Texas it's not hard to make a living as a local musician. It's really turned into a music place.

HP: What are the problems you encounter touring?

STEVE: I'd say the physical, the sheer hard work of it all and what it causes to your body.

And it's hard to keep six people's minds channeled into the same thing without having to worry about something outside the group, something that doesn't have anything to do with the music.

JIM: Although the group really is a family, our wives and old ladies don't travel with us. We're out there to do what we're doing -- it's just like if I worked as a mechanic in a filling station, I wouldn't take my old lady down there to watch me work.

STEVE: One of the main reasons is that there are nine in our company

right now and when we're traveling, when we go somewhere, there's always nine. If wives and girlfriends came along there would be that many more people to keep up with. There's so many distractions when you're out on the road.

If I brought my best friend along I'd have to make sure he wasn't bored, that type of thing. If I brought my dog along, I'd have to keep up with my dog -- I'm not comparing chicks to dogs, by the way. I don't see how other groups do it."

HP: How are you doing as a group financially?

JIM: We're above breaking even. All the money we make off records is a personal thing that we do whatever we want with. Otherwise everything we make as a group is put into a corporate account which we are going to invest with. Everybody in this band is on salary so no matter how big the band gets or whatever it does, we'll have something we can stand on whenever it's over.

DLYNNE RANDALL

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DAWN



TONY ORLANDO — right now, the founder and lead singer of Dawn, a group that has knocked up a 10 million record sale and is moving out of the studios.

Tony Orlando, lead singer with Dawn, a studio created group named after a girl whose father worked in the promotion department of Bell Records, who released Dawn's "Knock Three Times" which eventually sold over

three million copies, should have been a happy man.

Except that, as he explains: "I just realized that this wasn't just a flash in the pan and quit my job in a publishing company and started to put

Dawn together as a permanent group, not just a studio group.

"At that time there had been no pictures of the group issued and the kids didn't know who was who. And suddenly there were groups called

Rising All Over The Place



Dawn springing up all over the place. "None of them had anything to do with any of the records. Dawn is in fact myself and two girls named Thelma Hopkins and Joyce Vincent and a backing band of musicians.

"I was even more furious when I found out that the man who owned the name Dawn was booking a group and calling them Dawn and at the same time trying to manage me. So I halted everything -- I'd already spent \$13,000 getting the group together and I just stopped everything. I went to Bell to see if they would record me along, acquired an excellent manager, Marc Gordon who looks after Thelma Houston and Fifth Dimension and I made a deal with Bell hoping we could get the name Dawn so that I could work."

Last May Tony Orlando paid \$25,000 for the name Dawn and Bell paid out \$50,000 for the recording rights.

Said Tony: "I thought, great! Now I can work. I'd spent every penny I owned just sorting things out and then I hear that a British tour has just been lined up with an imposter Dawn group. So it started again -- I went over to Britain with my lawyer to stop the fake Dawn tour.

"It was a hell of a drag because I had a hit in Britain ten years ago. I wait ten years for a follow up to this and then these imposters move in. We got clubs in Britain who had booked us, the real Dawn, cancelling out because they heard about another Dawn coming over."

Don't get the idea, as many critics have, that Tony Orlando is merely into the teeneybopper bag. He himself says: "I believe in music. When I was a music publisher I had to believe in all kinds. Here I am recording teeneybopper music yet a few years ago I was publishing people like James Taylor.

"I just believe in music. All my friends -- most are freaks -- say that my music and my records don't say anything. They may not say anything intellectually but they communicate a happy feeling and they are entertaining, which I feel is important.

"People get hung up on being hip. It's difficult now just to say, 'It makes me laugh, or smile or feel good.' I think the beauty of the Beatles was that they were able to communicate — with a sense of humor or a sense of urgency. They were entertainment

from the word go and they appealed to the masses for this reason."

Before the creation of Dawn, which started off as a dream of selling over a million records (the group has in fact sold around 10 million) and which turned into a nightmare, Tony Orlando had a long career in music.

He's a product of the Don Kirshner office which at that time had Jeff Barry (the Archies creator), Goffin and King (the Drifters etc.,) Neil Sedaka, Neil Diamond, all working for him.

Tony Orlando was only 14 when he saw music publisher Kirshner and was signed to do demo records for the company.

Tony recalls: "I started singing at the age of 12. I was singing on the street corner in New York with a bunch of black kids. We'd do'doo-wop' songs. We didn't get any money thrown at us or anything like that — it was just something we did instead of Sports. Mostly we tried to copy our favorite groups, people like the Flamingos, who at that time were considered very underground but have now been established as classics.

"Anyway by the time I was 16 I was working for Don Kirshner Associates not only as singer but also as producer and writer.

"At that time Don's organization was like Motown's today. He had a bunch of kids in his office and Carole King was one of them. In fact she produced and wrote my first record, 'Halfway To Paradise' which was a hit in America."

Tony remembers touring with a package that included Bobby Vee and Clarence Frogman Henry. The tour went to England and there was an echo of it recently when Tony met up with George Harrison.

Said Tony: George said he saw that package in England and he couldn't understand the guy who rolled all over the floor and removed his jacket.

"That was me. I was into rhythm and blues then which hadn't had any success commercially then. In America at that time they were just concerned with pretty faces. Anyway after a few years and three hits I went through an insecure time."



TONY ORLANDO — back when he was a solo singer, observed doing rhythm and blues by a young guitar player from Liverpool called George Harrison.

This was just after Kirshner sold his company to Columbia.

Said Tony: "I suffered a lot be-

cause we lost the family feeling. It really wasn't the same any more I went to new producers -- people like Burt Bacharach -- but I bombed out completely. It was a pretty down time altogether.

"I knew I had to make a decision —I was still very young but I'd never worked before as anything other than a singer. I had no idea what I wanted to do. I took a job with a music publishing company and remember getting \$120 a week — a fortune I thought."

After that Tony went into the April Blackwood company as general manager.

He said: "It was a CBS publishing company and we had people like James Taylor, Laura Nyro and the Byrds. All good people."

Tony first heard "Candida," Dawn's first hit, when it was brought into his office by an old friend Hank Medress. "Hank I'd known since the early days—he used to be, still is, in fact, with the Tokens. He often used to come and see me with masters. 'Candida' was a finished master and he asked me what I thought of it. I told him it would be great for Bell Records and he took it along to them. Bell were impressed but didn't like the lead singer, so Hank brought it back to me and asked me to do it.

"He came to me and said basically that it was a Drifters record and as you used to do that sort of thing how about doing the vocals? I refused on the grounds that I worked for another company but eventually he persuaded me to record it.

"When I asked him if we had any studio time booked he turned around and said, 'An hour and a half'. And the same night!

"We agreed that if it worked out in that time that would be it. If not, I wouldn't do it. Well, it worked out. The 'record was sold to Bell and they asked me if they could use my name for the group or just my name for the singer. But I refused on the grounds that it would be wrong for the company I was working for. Hank decided on the name Dawn, after a girl whose dad was in the promotion department at Rell

"Afterwards I still didn't want to go on the road. I'd seen so many groups have one hit record and I didn't want to go out for just a short term thing. I had a contract at the time which, in effect, said I would record all Dawn product for the next 18 months. It was after we did 'Knock Three Times' that I knew it wasn't a flash in the pan."

DJULIE WEBB

NGEL OLSSEN Elton John's Drummerhis first solo album

Nigel Olsson is the drummer with Elton John.

He's also produced his first solo album, "Drum Orchestra and Chair."

He joined Elton John after a spell with the British underground group, Uriah Heep and before that was with Plastic Penny from early 1966 through their *1 single hit, "Everything I Am" until their breakup in 1968. He also toured America with a Spencer Davis unit where he met bass player Dee Murray, now with him in the Elton John group.

Hit Parader talked to him at the start of Elton John's fifth tour of America

NIGEL OLSSON — a drummer who says he's not a singer but sings anyway, just how he feels.

HP: How long have you been playing with Elton?

NIGEL OLSSON: Ever since the beginning, about 18 months ago. I've forgotten exactly when it was, we've been a band since he went on the road. Right after the Elton John album was released, and started getting a lot of air play, we got together for a gig in London at a place called The Round House, which is like a prestige gig.

Dee and I had been with Spencer Davis prior to this, and when he split the band, we were out of work and just doing session work within Dick James'



organization in London, which is Elton's publishing and record company. So we said "Yeah, we'd do the gia".

We went up to Dick James' to rehearse. It stands out in my mind as being the best thing that ever happened to me musically—that rehearsal.

Everything came together so well, and from then on we knew we should form a band and go out on the road permanently. The gig at The Round House, went down very, very well, for the time anyway, because you know, nobody knew who Elton John was. So we did a few gigs in England, and Dick James said that he would pay for a promotional tour of America because the album was getting play over here.

So he put a lot of money into us and we came to the States. I think it was in August of 1970. We came over to play The Troubadour in L. A. This was the big hype thing with this double-decker bus and everything at the airport. It was really weird. We played The Troubadour and from then on it was a total mind blast, and it still is.

Everything that we're doing now is different, you know, you'd think that it would become monotonous, like cogs in a wheel, just clicking day to day, exactly the same thing. But every day is different. There's no day that you do the same thing twice. Even when we play, we don't play exactly the same things every night. We play the same numbers, but we play them differently. The audience may not know that or realize it, but between the three of us on stage, we know that we are putting things in that we didn't put in the night before or the week before that.

HP: Do you prefer American audiences or English?

NIGEL: American, they're much warmer. I think English audiences are very blase really, they tend to sit there and say "Well, do it to me". Unless it's the current thing to go mad about a certain act. But over here they just go all out to enjoy themselves, and they really get into the music.

HP: As it is now, you are spending over half your year here. Would you like to live here?

NIGEL: This is our fifth tour in a year, but no, I don't think I'd like to live here. I don't know why really. I would always want to go back to England because England to me is the

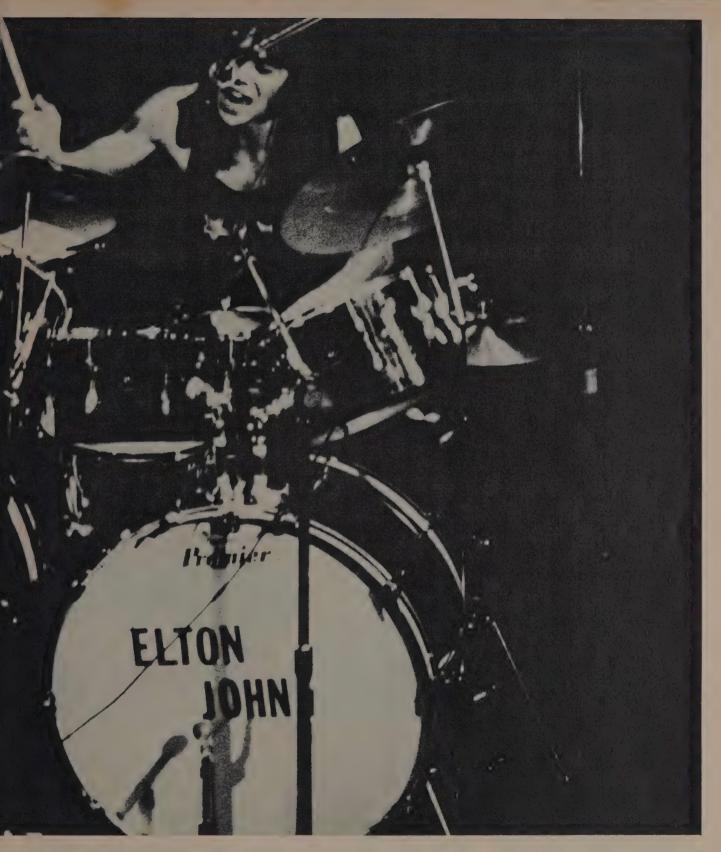


NIGEL EXPLAINS the meaning behind the mysterious "Eric" subtitle on "Honky Tonk Woman" by Elton John.

only place to be. It's not uptight at all. Once you've been in America, you know what "uptight" is all about, especially New York.

I could live in L. A. because the at-

mosphere here is so different from being anywhere else in the States, and like we've been just about everywhere there is to go. And L.A. is the only place we can stay for more than



a week without thinking "Oh, what a drag this is". It's easy to get about here, the people are friendly.

Our record company is in L. A. They're really nice people, they're really a gas. They're really into the band and the music. They don't treat it as Elton John, they treat it as Elton

John, Dee and me, which is good.

HP: What does "Honky Tonk Woman" subtitled "Eric" mean?

NIGEL: Back home in the studio we come up with words that make the three of us crack up. It could be anything, we just crack up because it's so

funny at the time, and you think "Why did they say that?" When "Eric is calling" it means you feel sick, you're going to be sick.

In "Honky Tonk Woman" I have to sing very high and if I've had lots of Coca Cola that day, it really does me in, I feel ill. And that song, with it



THE FIRST rehearsal with Elton John was the best thing that ever happened to him musically.

being so high, my stomach just can't take it. So there were times at the end of the song when I was nearly dying, feeling sick. So that's why it's subtitled "Eric" because Nigel always feels sick at the end. Eric is calling, so to speak.

HP: You said that for the moment you don't see yourself leaving the band, but you are into your own album and into writing your own music. If you do tire of what you're into now, will you devote yourself to your own solo career?

NIGEL: I don't think I'll ever get fed up with this, but if there's a time when Elton doesn't want to work, you know, like he just wants to do a few major gigs, in between that time I'd really like to get a drum orchestra on the road. It would have to be with the people I used on the album--Claudia and Kathy, Mick Grabham, Caleb Quayle and Roger Pope. On the new album that I did some backing tracks for when I was home last I used two drummers, Roger and myself, and it worked out really nicely, and I'd like to have two drummers in the band.

HP; How many pieces would you take on the road?

NIGEL: I'd like to take the two girls, use Caleb on piano because he's great, Mike Grabham, guitar; Ray Fenwick, who used to be with Spencer Davis, let's see who else, Dee, of course, because I think Dee is just incredible; he really is a great bass player, and I can work so easily with him because we're turned into each other on the same wave length. We know exactly what each other is going to do next. And I think I'd take a percussionist as well.

I'm really into tambourines and things like that at the moment. We'd have to have perfect sound because I'm really into getting separation. You hear a lot of groups and it's just a big mess of sound. You can never hear the words or the voices, it's all mingled in with the instruments.

I'd more or less like it set up like a studio on stage, to get the separation. Especially using two drummers, that could cause problems. That's all I'd use, but I'd really dig to do it. But I wouldn't do it until the Elton John thing was finished. I'd really like to get into producing now.

The only thing I'd like to do right now is produce good music. Not necessarily hit records, but I'd like to produce music that you can sit down and really get into. On my album there are lots and lots of things going on that I don't think people will notice. Especially the individuals on the album, like Mick Grabham, he's an unbelievable guitar player, but I don't think he gets the recognition he deserves. He's in a band called "Cochise", who are doing very well in England, you always see them working, but they never seem to get recognized record-wise.

B. J. Cale, he's another guy I'd have in the band, a steel guitar. I think he's the steel player in England. He's done so many sessions recently, like he even did a session for Frank Ifield, one of Frank's yodeling sessions.

HP: When an artist breaks out of the confines of a band to do a solo album, it's unusual for them to share the spotlight. But you did by having Kathy McDonald do two of the lead vocals on your album. Why?

NIGEL: The reason that I used her was that on the tour before last we did about 10 gigs with Leon Russell and his band. Claudia and Kathywere with Leon at the time and they were in England doing a tour when I was cutting the "Drum Orchestra and Choir" album, and they came down to one of the sessions. When they arrived, I hadn't intended on using them just because they're well-known singers. We just got into it. They really helped me out in the studio.

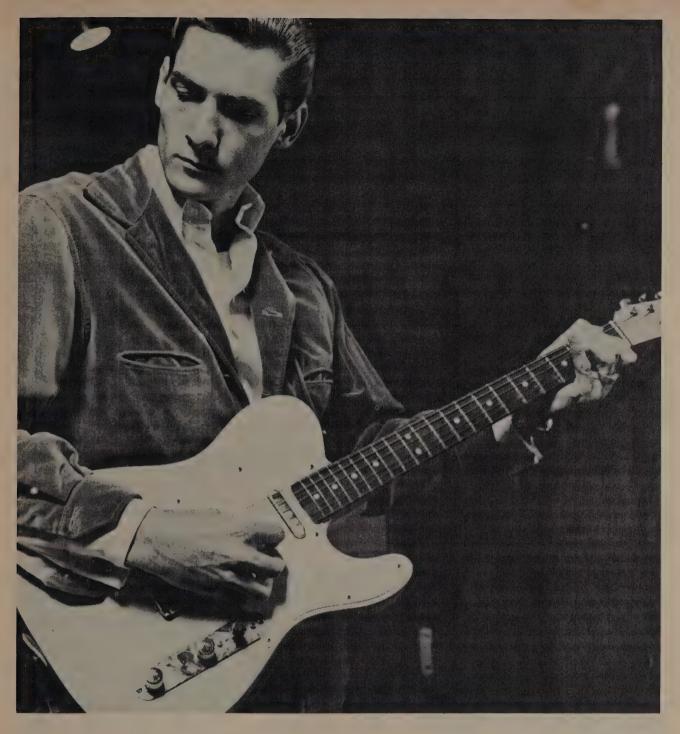
It was weird because they created such an atmosphere, that I was really into singing that day. I'm not a singer. I don't profess to be a singer of any kind. I can hit the right notes at the right time, but I'm not an Elton John or anyone. I just sing how I feel.

We used the girls and it turned out very nice. Then I asked Kathy if she'd do the lead vocal on "Hummingbird" and "I Can't Go Home Again". You know because "Hummingbird" is Leon's song and she sings it with him. I think that turned out great, the way she sang it. Claudia was only on "Some Sweet Day".

HP: Do you ever rest?

NIGEL: I haven't stopped actually since the whole thing started 18 months ago, I think it's 18 months, I can't remember, but when we weren't touring, I was in the studio. Even when I was buying a house, I was in the studio. It just hasn't dawned on me to stop and take a rest. But I'm really into what I'm doing so it doesn't really matter to me.

LYNNE RANDALL



For years, Booker T. & The MGs were the backbone of Stax Records, recording behind virtually every artist on the Memphis-based label. The long hours they spent in the studio made them the tightest most versatile instrumental band on records.

Three years ago, the MGs began spending less time as the

STEVE CROPPER 1971



Booker T. & The M.G.'s.

Stax house band and put more time into their own records. They went to Paris to record the score for Jules Dassin's "Uptight"; they devoted an entire album "McLemore Avenue", to their own interpretation of songs from the Beatles' "Abbey Road" LP, and their most recent record, "Melting Pot", revealed the maturity of their music, incorporating elements of soul, jazz and rock.

Booker T. & The MGs are now working on a new album, but like many other groups, each member has taken up individual projects on his own. Booker recently released an album with his wife Priscilla. Al Jackson and Duck Dunn are producing and playing on sessions with other artists. The busiest member of Booker T. & The MGs is Steve Cropper, who formed his own label, runs his own recording studio, plays guitar, writes songs, arranges, produces and is involved in many diverse areas of the music business.

Shortly after he opened his TMI studio in Memphis, Steve formed the TMI label, which is distributed by Columbia Records. Artists already signed to TMI

include Roy Head, Sarah Fulcher, Edgewood, David Mayo and Ronnie Stoots.

In addition to producing most of the TMI artists, Steve produced the new Poco album for Epic Records, he'll be recording Dreams and he still produces Eddie Floyd for Stax. All the MGs are actively involved in producing that group's recordings and Steve will have a hand in the latest album.

Enterprise Records, a subsidiary of Stax, recently released "Funky Rock" by Eric Mercury, which Steve produced, arranged, played on and even wrote several of the songs. "Eric wanted a Memphis record so we used the Memphis Horns and got a sound like the old Sam & Dave and Otis Redding sessions," said Steve.

"I do a lot of playing on the sessions I produce, except when I'm working with a self-contained group like Poco or Dreams. I like to get as involved as possible in the making of a record. I'm working a lot of hours but I enjoy it all.

"The most satisfying part about having my own record company is finding new talent and working with them. David Mayo is a local boy, Edgewood is a group from the Memphis area and Sarah Fulcher is a Texas girl who's done some studio work. With TMI Records I can be sure the artists are recorded and promoted properly and that they'll have every possible opportunity to make it."

"The emphasis now is more on the artist than on the song," Steve added. "Once you could take a kid off the street, give him a good song and try for a hit single. Not anymore. It's more important to build an artist. We make albums now the way we used to make singles. We put lots of time and effort into every track. They all have to be good."

Steve is too busy now to even think about cutting a solo album. "I enjoy playing on sessions whenever I can, but I don't even have time to think about an album of my own. Besides, it's a greater challenge to build up TMI Records and to help some talented newcomers get the right breaks. As busy as I am, I'm having a ball."

THE DRIFTERS 1971 Revival But Still Problems

Always there has been the Drifters.

Right from their haphazard beginnings in the early 1950's, through a decade of greatness and a place in music history, to the comparative obscurity of more recent years. Although currently there is what might optimistically be termedia Drifters' revival.

The hit songs tumble off the tongue: "Save The Last Dance For Me," "Under The Boardwalk," "On Broadway," "At The Club." By no means all, or the best, of them. There are dozens more.

For over ten years the Drifters were at the forefront of r&b music and the most influential stream of pop; a lot more than just one of the first

and most successful of Black vocal groups. There's more besides: the first group to introduce strings into popular youth music with the pioneering and amazing (in retrospect) "There Goes My Baby" in 1959.

Little wonder they recorded such epics when you consider the backroom team that kept them supplied with songs, productions and arrangements --

Phil Spector, Burt Bacharach, Gerry Goffin, Carole King, Bert Berns, Jerry Leiber, Mike Stoller, Barry Mann, Cynthia Weil, Doc Pomus, Mort Shuman, Jerry Wexler, Ahmet Ertegun, Tom Dowd.

And the lead singers ---Clyde McPhatter, Ben E. King, Rudy Lewis, Johnny Moore.

Drifters line ups change frequently. The albums really make no attempt to chronicle who sings what for the band, although on that score (and many others) Bill Millar's fascinating and well documented Rockbook, "The Drifters" is an invaluable reference source.

Yet, despite all the changes over the years, the Drifters maintained a standard of recording, equalled only by a handful of music giants; from "There Goes My Baby"—their first national hit in the U.S.—and "Save The Last Dance For Me" they turned out a series of classic r&b singles in a success story that tailed off around 1966—"Baby What I Mean"



was probably the last goodie in their declining fortunes. When the Beatlemania and Merseybeat boom swamped both sides of the Atlantic the Drifters also went under. That boom itself, it should be remembered, owed a considerable debt to the influences of bands like the Drifters, and their contemporaries, and to the then minority taste acts in the embryo Motown stable.

Through the late 1960's the Drifters hit a slide. Their writers, producers and arrangers had gone on to other things and for the band that Johnny Moore kept on the road, that slide meant a fall off from prestigious night club dates to obscure one night stands around the country.

Then in 1970 the tide began to turn a little. New York promoter Richard Nader had the idea of bringing together for a massive nostalgia evening at Madison Square Gardens ome of the giants of a past era.

The Drifters included, naturally.

The group has earned a semi-regular spot on Nader's revivals along with Bo Diddley, Chuck Berry, the Coasters, and the Shirelles.

Johnny Moore, who, according to Bill Millar's book, was responsible for the bulk of Drifters' lead vocals (42.7 percent as against Clyde McPhatter's second best of 15.3 percent) is the link with the 1971 Drifters and line ups of the past. A chubby, amiable man, well dressed, aged 37 -- "I reckon I've got three years left yet" he says -- Moore is out with the group on the road all the year and now notes that one indication of a new status for the group is a season at the Lake Tahoe gambling center in Nevada.

Over the years the Drifters reputation has suffered because of imitators.

There have been a number of groups touring the U.S. and Europe masquerading as the Drifters -- one had a complete West Indian line up -- but Moore

has a pretty undeniable claim that his Drifters is THE Drifters. A stronger claim, he asserts, that Bill Pinkney and the Original Drifters who also tour and came to Europe one time under that billing.

Moore says: "Bill Pinkney was responsible for getting me into the group but he hasn't been with the band since 1956.

Moore's Drifters is a five piece. Co-lead vocals are supplied by Bill Fredericks who has been with them since 1967 and took part in the Drifters' last five recordings. Baritone is Butch Leake, a 1970 addition and Grant Kitchings is the newest member having joined last year. The band is completed by guitar accompanist Butch Mann.

Moore notices a younger audience these days, an audience that wasn't born when the original Drifters started: "They sing along with us on all the hits. Young and old, they seem to know them all. You've heard of Beatlemania -- these people are Drifterdiggers.

Johnny Moore joined the Drifters in 1954. From Cleveland, Ohio, he remembers he wanted to be a football playeranything but a singer. One day the Drifters played at a Cleveland Theater and Moore was persuaded to go along by a friend. "I would rather have gone to a football game or something," he recalls. After the show he got into conversation with Clyde McPhatter and with youthful arrogance told him he could sing.

That was that, until some months later when the Drifters came back to Cleveland and Moore again went along to the show. The band needed a singer and McPhatter remembered Moore's claim.'' 'You the cat who said he could sing,' he asked me. 'Yeah sure I can sing.' I sang a bit for him and he said, 'Right, you're hired. Come along with me.'

"I said, 'What, right now?' and they said, 'Yeah man, right now' And off I went.'

Moore took over from Mc-

Phatter as Drifters' lead singer -- though David Baughn had a short spell in between -- making his debut on "Adorable" in 1955.

After a couple of years -this before the Drifters achieved national fame -- Moore was
drafted into the army. In his
absence came the biggest
change in the band's line up
when manager George Treadwell (his widow Faye is the
band's current manager) -- fired the whole group. Says
Moore: "He had to, man.
They were turning up late for
gigs, drinking, all that.

Treadwell, required under contract to keep a band going, in their place recruited an entirely new group from a lesser known act called the Crowns, brought in Ben E. King as lead singer and put the new Drifters out on the road.

It was this band -- shortly after this change -- recorded under Leiber and Stoller's direction, "There Goes My Baby" -- the single that broke new ground with its use of strings on an r&b record.

"Last Dance," "Sweets For My Sweet," "Up On The Roof," "Another Night With The Boys" and "On Broadway" (the latter marking the Drifters again somewhat pioneering move towards socially conscious lyrics) followed before Moore's return to the band in 1956. Rudy Lewis was then singing lead and later that year saw the arrival from Britain of the late Bert Berns as producer and of a new and distinct Latin flavor in Drifters' arrangements.

It was after Lewis' tragic death--- "asphyxiation, he choked to death man," said Moore -- that Moore came back as lead. Lewis died the morning of the session that produced the classic "Under The Boardwalk" and at that same session the band cut the brilliantly moving and poignant, "I Don't Want To Go On Without You" (a song later done by the Moody Blues) as a tribute to

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ROD STEWART - working with Jeff Beck. "I never could understand him," he says.

Rod Stewart, now very much of the Faces and one of THE faces of 1971, was reflecting back on the early days of his career in rock, a career that included working with John Baldry, when he was Long John Baldry and teamed up with Brian Auger and Julie Driscoll.

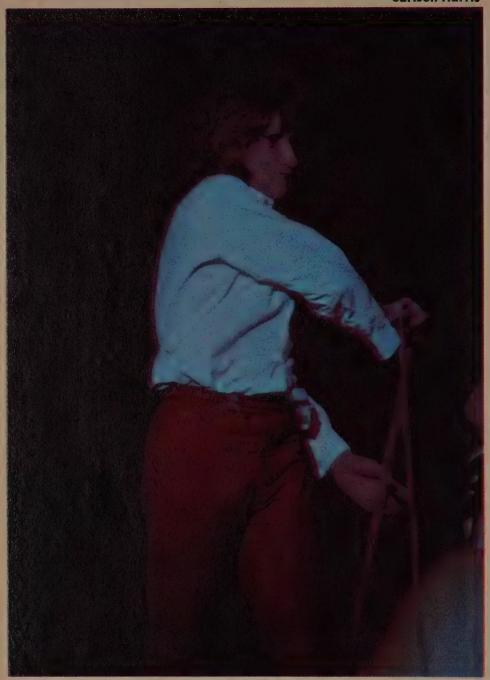
And Jeff Beck.

It was the enigmatic Mr. Beck that Stewart dwelled upon. . .

"I actually started writing when I was with Jeff Beck. I think you can only start finding yourself when you write your own material. It was writing, producing and singing on my own

album that really brought me together.

"When Beck had his first hit in Britain, 'Hi Ho Silver' I was with a group called Shotgun Express which was an



YOU ONLY start finding yourself when you write your own material, considers Rod.

outgrowth of Steam Packet (Ed. note. The group that Rod worked in with Baldry, Auger and Driscoll).

"Hi Ho Silver' -- I could never understand Beck doing that stuff. Here he was, a great guitarist and musician....

HIT PARADER: How did you come to join his band?

ROD: "I had heard a rumor that he wanted me to join and then I eventually met him. We decided to go and have a rehearsal. There was a geezer out of the British Shadows group, Jet Harris, on bass and Viv Prince who

later joined the Pretty Things on drums — not too good a line up. It all fell apart and we got Ronnie Wood in. He was on bass. We did about four/five rehearsals and then went on the Small Faces tour in Britain.

"I swear their roadies pulled the plug out on us. The line up then became Woody on bass, me singing, Jeff on guitar and this guy on drums who got the sack the same night he joined and he'd just bought his drums on a credit plan. It was all very sad.

"After that came a period of just doing nothing. Beck went into hiding. We eventually got all together again, and came across Aynsley Dunbar as a drummer. Now there is a guy who really changed that band. I've nothing but good to say about Aynsley. He stayed six or seven months and really got the band together. He was a beautiful drummer.

"Then Aynsley left because he didn't think wewere playing the blues. We did a concert at the Savile Theater in London and it was just about the time of flower power. We all came on in flowers and caftans and no trousers -- did we look a state? -- and Aynsley was really insulted.

"This wasn't the blues to him. He left the same night and we got Micky Waller in.

"Then Beck did that 'Tally Man' single. The B side was 'Rock My Plimsole' which became the Beck band's anthem.

"Then to add insult to injury he did 'Love Is Blue' I just couldn't understand him. I had to stand at the side of the stage while they did 'Love Is Blue' and then we would start again singing the blues. It was good blues because we'd taken the Chicago thing a step further. We did an American tour which was great and then a second tour which was also great. That brings us up to 1968."

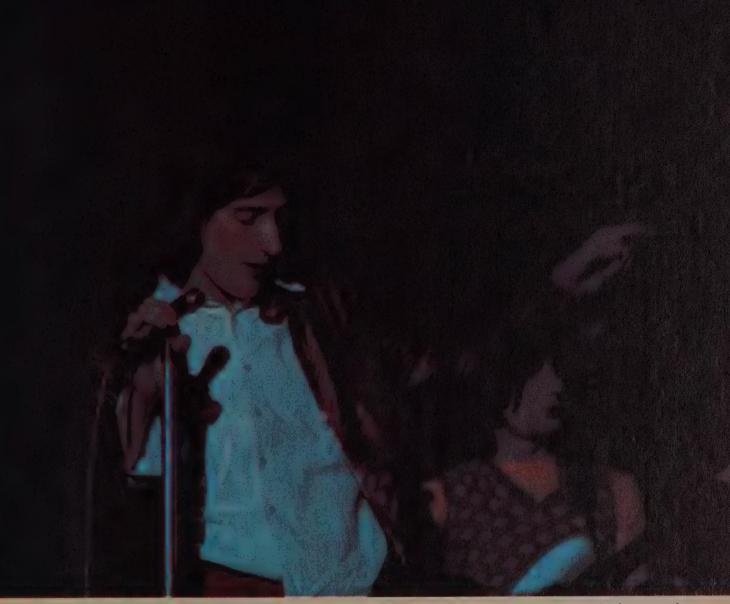
HP: What was Beck like to work with?
ROD: "The old ego thing ran away
with him. He was never bad to me.
He was always like friendly. But the
trouble was all down to the pay. We
never earned a great deal.

"But I was very happy with the music. I learned so much with that band. That was where there was a change in my voice. I learned phrasing, how to blend with three or four instruments and that rhythm section of Ronnie Wood and Micky Waller was incredible.

"But after the second tour came the all time blow. Beck decided to sack Micky and Ron. He got Tony Newman and an Australian bass player who died the all time death. So he asked Ronnie Wood to come back. But after that night when they got the sack, the band was never the same again. Woody was obviously disillusioned with what he was doing and then he left to join the Faces. He wanted to play lead guitar anyway.

· "I used to tell him he would never make as good a guitarist as he was a bassist but he's proved me wrong.

"There never was a replacement for Ronnie. I remember we all came



Carlson-Harris

ONE BECK concert had them wearing flowers and caftans with no trousers and then getting down to the blues.

back off the last tour and Ronnie was saying, 'Oh the lads are pretty good, the Faces, but there's no one who can sing.' And I'd go, 'Yeah. A shame, isn't it? He was, like, hinting I should join. About this time I'd signed up with Mercury Records and was going to put my own album together which I did in a week and a half. The Faces used to come down and help out."

HP: You did two albums with Beck? ROD: Yeah. They were good albums. I think the first one was a real hallmark. Those Beck albums. . . they never had a picture of the group on them.

HP: What was the Steam Packet

group like when you were with it? ROD: Steam Packet was just like a white soul revue. Like a white lke and Tina Turner show but nowhere near as good. With the Hoochie Coochie Men, which I was in with John Baldry, I thought we were playing something nobody else was. It was probably the finest sort of British Chicago type band there has ever been.

Steam Packet never made any recards because we were all on different labels. Of the Hoochie Coochies there is just one record of me and John singing together, 'Up Above My Head' a B side of a Baldry single and that's probably all that came out of that period.

HP: You started off trying to ape a Black voice. At what point did your singing become natural?

ROD: The fist album, the solo album, 1968 or 1969. Up until then I don't think I had improved over a period of four years. Whereas now I think I'm improved more in this past year and a half than I did in those previous five years.

"And this came through jumping in at the deep end and putting an album together, trying to make it sound different, writing my own songs -- there were six originals on that -- because if you do one of your own songs, it has just got to sound like nobody else.

NICK LOGAN

CAT STEVENS

Moving From Inward To Outward



CAT STEVENS — the old pop star image is like an old jacket — great at the time, but today it's just a memory.

Recording, said Cat Stevens, has "become something of a fixation with me. I want to fulfill my communication thing."

So there's no relaxing for Mr. Stevens who already has three albums finished and his head full of songs for a fourth

album. (Actually there is a fourth album out already, a bootleg, something that Cat considers a drag because he wanted Album No. 4 to be live. "I'd perform some unrecorded material but a bootleg could spoil that for me," he said).

I queried how long an official Cat Stevens album takes to put together. "Usually about two months on and off, then another month for mixing, reducing and other little touches. I never have an abundance of material, usually about 15 songs in all, in my head. When I go into the studio I just see what's nice for that particular day," he replied.

"I find this is the best way because if you're using session men you're pretty well tied down and it can be a hang up if you don't fancy doing a particular song on that particular day. You know, the best laid plans...This way we can stay pretty loose."

Revealing the benefits of the Stevens Recording Plan, Cat took one particular track, "Peacetrain."

Said he: "We found that song hard to record. In fact we tried without any success to record it on three different occasions. In the end we did a track-by-track and by some freak we got a live feel to it. It shouldn't have happened but somehow it did."

Cat, without any conceit, admits that he can listen to his current records and gain a great deal of happiness from them. But the old Cat Stevens -- Pop Star, that's an old wrapped up box pushed away in the corner, although he still has fond associations for "I Love My Dog" performing it when the spirit moves him.

"I can't make out like the other never happened, because it did. But it's more like an old jacket which you thought was great at the time and today it's just a memory."

Of his records, "Mona Bone Jakon" and "Tea For The Tillerman" were — to use Cat's term — "inward" with "Teaser And The Fire Cat" he has reversed the role: "Now I'm thinking outward I feel like I want to help more, simply because people are helping me. I want to help others by my own experiences. I don't want to lay any heavy idea on anyone. No matter how much good advice I get I still have to go through it myself.

"For me there are no short cuts.

"That's why I couldn't sing other people's songs. I had to write my own."

There is also -- apart from the writer/performer -- Cat Stevens the accomplished artist, his artwork having graced the covers of his three albums. The central character of his new album, "Teaser And The Fire Cat" will possibly emerge as animated cartoon personalities. "Though I don't make money from it, I nevertheless take art quite seriously," admitted Cat. "It helps to extend my ideas a step further, which I hope is going to lead me into films."

Despite the fact that several film people are bidding for Cat Stevens in his first acting role, he's keeping them at arm's length.

He explained: "Your timing is always right and you've got to follow your instincts. When you are doing things right you are aware of it and this gives you the confidence you need. You must always remember this -- whereas other people's timing can be wrong. I'm not letting my common sense be blinded by the film opportunities."

Or by over-exposure which can turn into overkill. Or by the superstar tag. He does admit that he is genuinely frightened of becoming an unwilling victim of the superficial, superstar syndrome.

Says he: "The secret is to keep away, well away, from the larger venues because in these places it is so very easy to lose contact with your audience. I insist on playing halls that hold no more than 5000 people. Frankly I'd rather do two shows a night in a smaller hall than one a night in a larger venue.

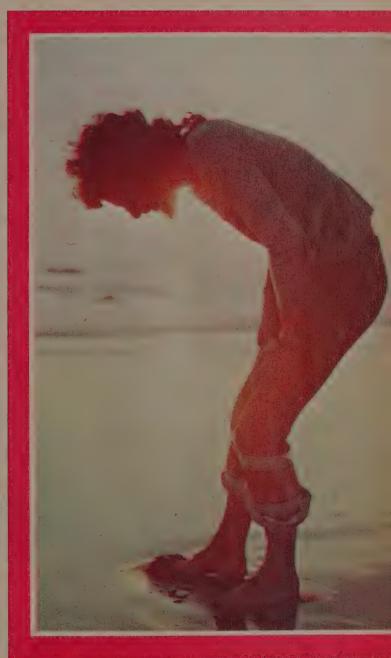
"If you play Madison Square Garden as a soloist then you've had it."

(Stephen Stills and James Taylor please note!)

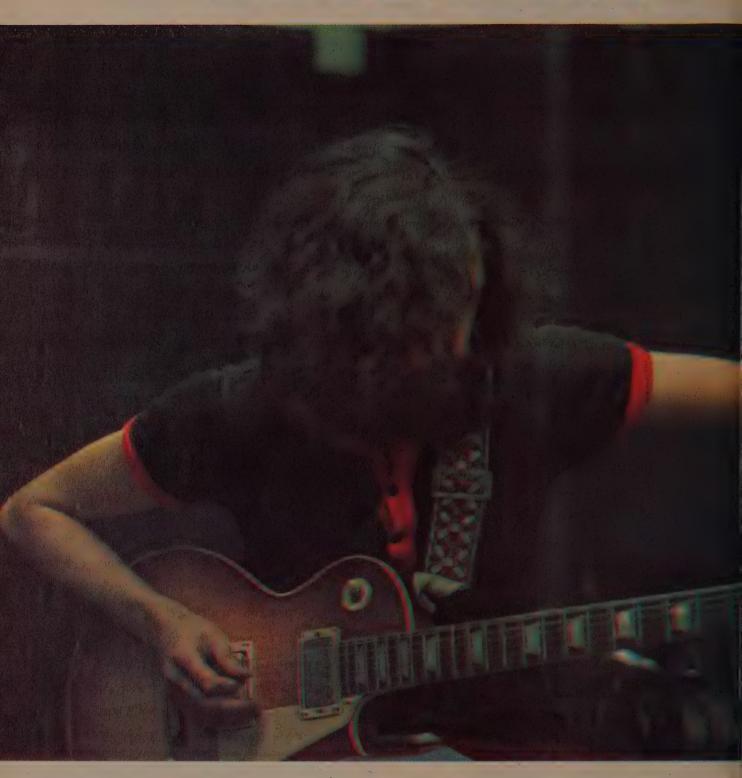
Continued Cat: "I suppose the trouble with America is that you're either a superstar or you're nothing and you're expected to play the large auditoriums. But it can easily get out of hand and become quite frightening."

Cat rejects, totally rejects, the term Superstar, considering it destructive: "There are people all around making good music who aren't what people insist on calling a superstar."

ROY CARR



LED ZEPPELIN'S



Led Zeppelin spent less than five hours on Canadian soil when they played the huge Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto. They arrived by private jet, appeared before 17,000 fans, collected a \$50,000 fee and flew on, again by private jet to Chicago.

Earlier they had drawn the largest rock crowd in Vancouver's history (over 20,000) sold out New York's Madison Square Garden and offered living proof that while James Taylor may be making it, hard rock is not dead.

JIMMY PAGE



JIMMY PAGE — he knows when he plays badly, he knows when he plays well.

about studios, Beatles, Elton, Grand Funk Clapton, records, critics,

ON GRAND FUNK RAILROAD

I've never heard anything by them. I know it sounds strange but it's true. I've only seen them doing a small segment on a TV show in England. It's difficult to judge from that.

ON THE CURRENT U. S. MUSIC SCENE The sort of scene I'd like to see is where all the different facets of the arts in a musical sphere are accepted readily by the media and the public. At the moment, because of the press, as soon as one thing becomes really popular, that's it -- you've got to find something else, something new.

The whole thing that's happening with us is the same as the James Taylor thing -- but the complete opposite. People are starting to say: 'Good lyricist, good songwriter, but on stage, he sounds very samey after 40 minutes.' I blame the press. Just let the musicians and the people get on with it -- which is all the people ask for.

Many critics let their personal tastes jade what they're seeing and hearing. It's that whole thing of being put in a bag. Unfortunately, people are so trendy—that's the terror of it.

LED ZEPPELIN -- record breaking tour of Canada and their fourth album on the market.

ON CRITICISM

Criticism can be great -- valid criticism, that is. I said it before and I say it again -- if I play badly, I know I played badly and when I play well, I know I've played well. According to my capabilities.

But people shouldn't go along expecting an enigma when they see this bloke on stage and expect to see the epitome of what they consider to be the best in rock guitar. They should realize he's only a human being — another struggling musician trying to better himself.

That's why there's always this race about who's the best -- nobody's the best. Because there's always somebody who's got a particular field who's better than the bloke who's claimed to be the best.

That's what's so good for me -- that's what makes the whole scene for me. But for these others, who always have to classify everything. . . .

ON ERIC CLAPTON, GEORGEHARRISON

I went through what I think Eric may have gone through — it's just the fact that suddenly everything you pick up seems to be going sour. You're trying your hardest and everybody is putting you down everytime you try something.

And I think for everybody who is really trying their hardest and is reasonably sensitive into the bargain, it's gonna do a lot of damage, and I think it certainly did a lot of damage to Eric. I know another person it did do a lot of damage to - about three or four years ago -and that was George Harrison, who could hardly pick up a guitar because he just thought that every one thought he was a joke. It was obviously totally untrue as far as the public went, but as far as the press went, there were these snide comments and all that sort of thing. I think it took him -- well, he made a friendship with Eric and he went through the sitar thing, which was pretty valid and he did some good things on that. But as soon as he got with Eric, he became a guitar man, and he tried and he tried and he tried. Now he's having a go and he's won through. Which is

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ROBERT PLANT - singer with a hard rock group who is also into the Delta blues.

good for him if he's got the strength and the will to persevere . . .but for some people, it could shatter them totally.

ON THE BEATLES

It's funny that since their split, you can see how important it was when the four of them were together.

I met Paul McCartney in New York recently and he was talking to me about the album he was doing — the second one, "Ram." He said you can't believe how hard it is when you've worked with people for that amount of time — the same four people working together — and you come up with a song. And you just say 'alright, here it is' and everybody just fits their bit in and it's there. I know exactly what Paul means, because it's like that with us.

He said it was so difficult to get it together with all fresh studio people. And I can sympathize with him. I know what it was like when I was playing sessions in London. The blokes would come in with their song, and every session musician would have to try and do his best. Obviously it wasn't as good as the bloke's own group, but some A & R man was saying, 'Well, there's got to be the session men, the group don't match up to the quality we require.'

ON HIS OWN CHOICE OF RECORDS All sorts of different things. Bert Jansch is often on. Lots of early rock. . . lots of that. All the Sun stuff -- it still sends shivers up my spine.

You put on something like the early Presley records and you hear the phrasing, you hear the excitement, and everyone's really into it. At the end of "Mystery Train", you hear them all laughing -- it's fantastic. And I can still get into those records because I know the excitement and the feeling that was there in those

early days when they really knew that they were breaking into something — a new form of music.

ON ELTON JOHN

His albums are really, really good. For what he'd doing, I wouldn't fault them. For his bag. But when he stands up and in sort of a yellow jacket, pink trousers, and silver shoes, then kicks over his stool which I thought was an incredible sendup of Jerry Lee Lewis, thinking oh yes, great in crowd humor. Then suddenly you realize that he's serious and it's a bit of a comedown after watching all that other stuff

ON THE FOURTH LED ZEPPELIN ALBUM

Personally I lived with it for so long now -- and seen so many mess ups by other people in the process of getting it together -- that my senses have been battered into a pulp. I can't ever hear it anymore. It's become like that. I don't mean I can't put it on and listen to it. I mean, I can't get anything out of it at all. It's really a dreadful state to be in.

But the fact is that there were so many foul ups by engineers. . .basically engineers.

Some of the tracks were started in December. That was at the Island Studios in London. I can't remember it all. We've got such a backlog of stuff on tape now, that even when we release the new album, we'll still have a lot in the can.

Anyway, after Island we went to our house in Hampshire, a place where we have often rehearsed, and we decided to take the mobile studio truck there because we were used to the place. . . we'd often rehearsed there, we lived there sometimes, and we just set the gear up. We took along the Rolling Stones' mobile truck. Then as we thought of an idea, we got it down on tape right away, and a lot of tracks came out of that. Almost everything on the album.

In a way, it was a good method of doing it. The only thing wrong was that we got so excited about an idea, and we'd rush to finish its format and get it on the tape -- it was like a quick productivity thing. We got so excited about having all the facilities there.

What we needed was about two weeks solid with the mobile truck. We only actually had about six days, but we should have made it two weeks. We needed one full week to get everything out of our system and getting used to the facilities, and then really getting together in the second week. That's probably what we'll do in future, now we know the facilities we have available. John Paul Jones is getting a studio put in his house, and so am l. It seems to be the answer really.

You need the sort of facilities where you can have a cuppa tea and wander around the garden and then come in and do whatever you have to do, instead of walking into a studio. . .down a flight of steps into fluorescent lights and opening up a big door that's soundproof and there's acoustic tiles everywhere.

ON RECORDING STUDIOS

I personally get terrible studio nerves. Even if I've worked the whole thing out at home beforehand, I get terrible nervous playing anyway. But when I've worked something out at home which is a little above my normal capabilities, when it comes to playing it at the studio, well—to use one of our favorite expressions—my bottle goes. If it's something that



ROBERT PLANT — their new album was recorded in part on the Rolling Stones' mobile studio.

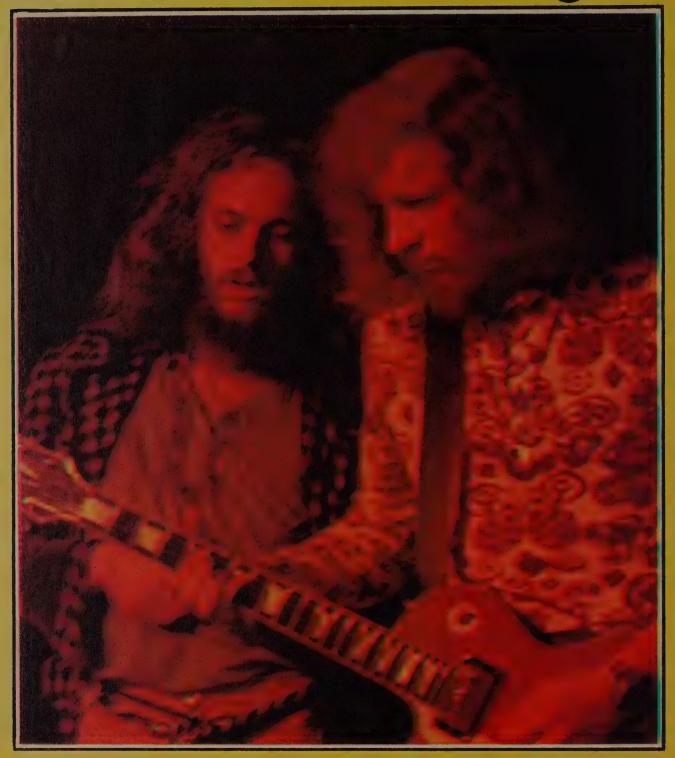
you can just knock off fairly easily, then fair enough. But when it gets a little more difficult, well. That's one reason why I'm personally getting my own studio setup together at home.

It's not going to be as expensive as

I thought it would be, and obviously everyone's going to benefit from it. I'll be able to do all the acoustic things at home -- I'm mainly going to use the studiofor acoustic things.

□RITCHIE YORKE

Sole Survivor Of The Original



IAN ANDERSON - "I'm not actually making more than one fifth of a musical contribution to Jethro Tull."

IAN ANDERSON

JETHRO TULL

Ian Anderson is the sole survivor of the original line up of Jethro Tull -- the only one left.

My main line of questioning revolved around this, around Anderson's prominent role in Jethro Tull and the fact that -- on the face of it -- the other three founder members left when their own musical identities became strong enough to challenge lan's.

"These changes," I opened, treading cautiously. "Do they indicate personality or musical clashes?"

lan Anderson broke in quickly: "Yeah, I know what you mean. To sum it all up I'm the only one left of the original Jethro Tull and one of the things that must be in people's minds is the fact that perhaps the people who have left were squeezed out so that I could have all my old mates in the band.

"The point about the people who have joined the band were chosen mainly for their availability when people left.

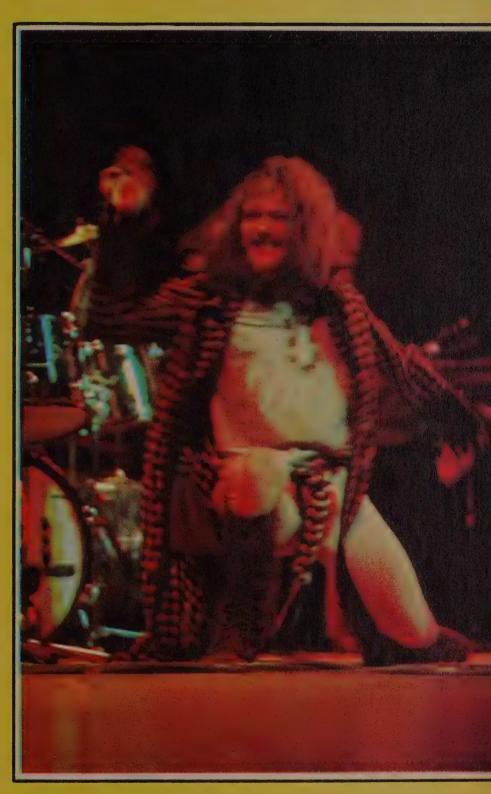
"When Mick Abrahams left, which wasn't a compatible leaving, he and I had just grown apart, he was a blues man and I. . . . I didn't know what I was but I wanted to find out. . .

"Anyway, when Mick left we needed somebody fast. I didn't know anybody so we held auditions. Martin (Barre) was the best of the bunch so we trained him (laughter),

"In short he had to learn very quickly.
"John (Evan) came next. It was Jeffrey Hammond - Hammond who'd seen us a couple of times and who said the band sounded incomplete. It tended to be all guitar and flute -- a formula and limiting to what I could write, because we didn't have enough instruments or tone colors at our disposal. So John did sessions for us and then joined. That worked for a while -- we all felt better as a group.

"It was some time after that, that Glenn (Cornick) grew apart from the rest of us. He was getting into much more aggressive riff-type bands. I've tried to write songs in that vein, really heavy guitar-bass drum things, but I can't sing that way.

"I preferred to have broader scope musically and Glenn began to grow apart socially too. He spent a lot of



WHEN PEOPLE join Jethro Tull, they come on a wage for the first year. After a year, they come in on an equal split.



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time in the company of other musicians.

"Again there was no animosity in the split, which was inevitable, although it could have been smoother than it was. We had a tour coming up and needed a bass player in a hurry. There were only two people. One that Martin knew but didn't know how to get hold of and Jeffrey. Jeffrey was the only bass player I had ever played with apart from Glenn in the old days. We all know Jeffrey socially. He had just finished college. He practiced and got it together and came into the band because of his availability

at the time."

Anderson continued: "With Clive . . . we felt on the American tour that Clive wasn't happy with the songs. Sometimes he'd be stuck for ideas on songs I'd written, others he'd be more into playing. Socially we always got on all right.

"The day after I discussed things with Clive and he left, I started doing these sessions — the one the single came from — and John, who had been in Blackpool at home in the north of England — arrived with Barrie Barlow.

"So we said: 'Okay, sit in and have a go' and took it from there.

"The whole thing boils down to people who are available I mean, I've only played with three drummers in my life: Clive, Barrie and Rick Dharma, who's with Mick Abrahams now, and only two bass players, Glenn and Jeffrey. The only guitar players I've worked with who have been any good are Mick and Martin. The only other way to get people is to hold auditions. We did that once and would never do it again because it's a waste of time. It gets to be a drag and embarrassing for all concerned.

"I never thought of asking Barrie anyway -- I hadn't seen him for two and a half years. The whole thing was rather a fluke, although it does seem strange - too much of a coincidence."

Okay. Accepting lan Anderson's explanations, there's still the clash of musical ideals. Is it possible for anyone with strong musical ideas to live with Jethro Tull and lan Anderson?

Said Anderson: "It probably is. Not maybe for me to live with them, because somebody with very definite ideas musically might join the band and get on all right with me.

"But I'm sure I wouldn't get on with him because I have been in the band for three and a half years and I have been the front man for three and a half years. I don't like it necessarily all the time but having assumed the responsibility rather unwillingly atfirst when Mick left, that is my job now. To write and assume the role of pointing the band in different directions."

So when the new Jethro Tull members grow and begin to want to express themselves musically, the clash might occur again, I asked?

"Right. But if we do clash we should be mature enough not to let it affect the band. There's plenty of scope for, let's say, John to make a solo album, even if I don't want to. Any other members could express themselves that way if they wanted to."

Being uncharitable, I ventured, are you gathering around you replace ments that are just pawns to further your own ends?

He replied: "Yeah. That's like John Mayall if you like.

"Terry (Ellis, Jethro Tull co-manager) and I have jokingly said to Martin that we picked him out of the gutter and put him on the road to stardom.

"It's a standing joke but there's a serious side to it as well. God knows what Jeffrey would be doing now if he hadn't got into the band.

"All those guys who played with Mayall -- Clapton if you like -- used Mayall as a pawn. Clapton used Mayall to build his name. He got the sack but he got a band. Keef Hartley got a band. Mick Taylor got a band. ."

I told Anderson that I had in mind him using the others as pawns.

"Sure," he said. "But it works the other way as well. Sure I'm writing the music but I'm only getting When people join Jethro Tull -- this is the way we work it -- they come on a wage for the first year. I won't tell you how much but it's a good wage. Because they don't want to accept the responsibility for the group's expenses, at the same time they want to earn money and we want to find out if we get on all right mutually. So far everybody has stayed on in the band under those terms. After a year, they come in on an equal split with me.

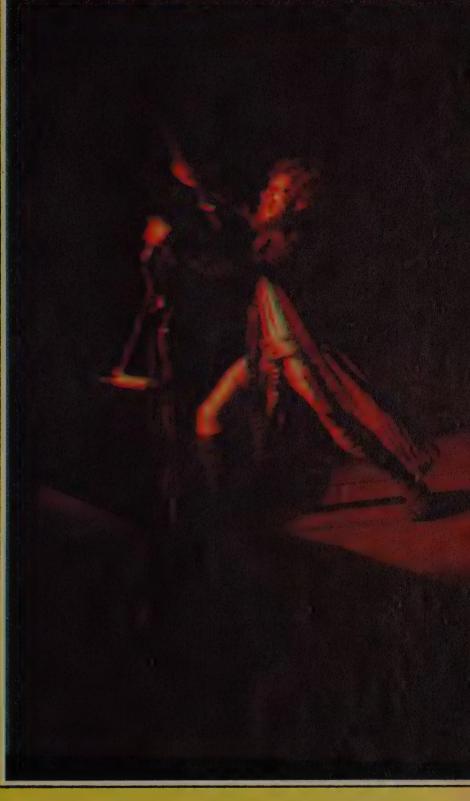
"I'm the only one left so it could be argued that I'm the one the audience comes to see -- so I'm told by journalists. I'm the front man, you write the music, it's my group and all the rest of it.

"Well, I don't care. I only get the same money as everybody else. At the moment we split three ways and the other two are on wages. Jeffrey comes under a split at Christmas and Barrie nine or ten months from now. They've done all right.

"If I want the songs -- that's my right.

"I'm the senior member of the group, the senior partner if you like. I dominate things, maybe have that much more responsibility when it comes to playing on stage. And I'm the one who's on stage the least.

"I know I leap around and might appear to be all action and going potty



I AM the only one left, so it could be argued that I'm the one the audience comes to see in Jethro Tull.

but I'm not actually making any more than one fifth of a musical contribution. "In fact, it is less.

"Let me have the responsibility: if the songs aren't good enough I soon find out. I don't exactly dictate how things should be -- I just try to write things hard enough for them to play now. If I write things that are demanding, then they get a kick out of being able to play them."

NICK LOGAN

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FAST FLASHES



A LITTLE test — note the gentleman in the photograph, surf-fresh and styled in the manner of West Coast pop star of half a decade ago. He was recording then for Crescendo Records.

Who is he?
A clue — he now works with his wife and is a very friendly cat.

THE VERY same! Delaney Bramlett, seen here with wife Bonnie. Times and styles do change!



FAST FLASHES



THIS SOMBER, serious scene shows you how meaningful the whole poprockmusicbiz is. The scene is New York and the two Burns Security guards are watching over Flossie Dorsey (left) and Gertrude Schwartz in case a berserk Elvis Presley enthusiast crashes in to steal some of the items of clothing the two ladies are diligently cutting up.

For the clothing is Elvis'

All the gear is being cut into 2X3 inch swatches and included in the RCA album, "Elvis, the Other Sides – Worldwide Gold Award Hits, Volume 2."

And as only 150,000 albums had the magic material, obviously the guards are watchful because of the irate unlucky Presley maniac. . .

Ed Ca

BREAD HAS gone through a personnel change. Robb Royer has left the group to concentrate on writing film and television scripts and is replaced by Larry Knetchtel, far right. From the left: Mike Botts, David Gates, James Griffin and Knetchtel.



FAST FLASHES



THE INTERNATIONALIZATION of rock — Chicago on the last stop of their round-the-world personal appearance tour greeting fans at Tokyo's International airport. The Tokyo concerts drew a crowd of almost 140,000 — one of Japan's major musical events.



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I KNEW YOU WHEN

(As recorded by the Osmonds)
JOE SOUTH

I knew you when
You were sad and all alone
You didn't have anyone that you
could call your own
I knew you when your heart
belonged to only me
But that was many tears ago
Now your love is just a memory
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah,
yeah, yeah I knew you when you were lonely

I knew you when you were lonely I knew you when you were only a girl all alone without love.

I knew you when
We used to have a lot of fun
But someone new could offer more
Now I'm the lonely one
I knew you when
You were just a scared little girl
I used to be your only love
Before you came up in the world
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah,
yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah,
I knew you when you were lonely
I knew you when you were only a
girl all alone without love
I knew you when, I knew you when.
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•GOT TO BE THERE

(As recorded by Michael Jackson)
ELLIOT WILLENSKY
Got to be there
Got to be there in the morning
When she says hello to the world
Got to be there
Got to be there bring her good times
and show her that she's my girl
Oh what a feeling there'll be the
moment I know she loves me
Cause when I look into her eyes
I realize I need her sharing the
world beside me.
So I've got to be there
Got to be there in the morning and

welcome her into my world
And show her that she's my girl
When she says hello world
Got to be there
Got to be there
I need her sharing the world beside

me
That's why I've got to be there
Got to be there where love begins
And that's everywhere she goes
I've got to be there
So she knows that when she's with

me she's home Got to be there Got to be there

Got to be there.
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ROCK STEADY

(As recorded by Aretha Franklin) ARETHA FRANKLIN

Rock steady, baby
That's what I feel now
Just call the song exactly what it is
Just move your hips with a feeling
From side to side
Sit yourself down in your car and
take a ride
While you're movin' rock steady
rock steady, baby

Let's call this song exactly what it is Let's call this song exactly what it is Let's call this song exactly what it is.

It's a funky alone feeling
What it is move your hips
From left to right what it is
What it is is a right
We do it
What it is just jump and dance all
night
Rock steady again
Baby again, baby
Jump and move your hips
With a feeling from side to side
Sit yourself down in your car and
take a ride
Rock steady again, again baby
What it is.
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SUPERSTAR

(Remember How You Got Where You Are)

(As recorded by Temptations) BARRETT STRONG NORMAN WHITFIELD Doo doo doot doot doot Higher, higher Doo doo doot Doo doo doot doot doot La la oo hoo.

Don't change your style now that you've reached the top Don't choose your friends by what

they've got Remember beneath the glitter and

gleam Like everyday people you're just a

human being Superstar good god Enjoy your champagne and cavier And your chauffeur drivin' fancy car But remember how you got where you are

Oh ho ho cause the same folks that made you

Um hum vou better believe they can break you

La la loo. No you didn't make it all by vourself

You had help from somebody else The truth is the light don't let it

depress you You just be thankful that the good Lord made you

Superstar ah do you know who your real friends are

Ah talkin' to you Superstar remember how you got where you are.

Ah ah down, down, down Drummer keep it going, going Homs start blowin', right on time blow my mind

Higher (higher), higher higher. It's easy for you to look down Turn up your nose and frown

Now that you're on top (on top) (Bright lights) don't let the bright

lights blind you (Bridge) don't burn 'em behind you Superstar ah do you know who your real friends are

Ah talkin' to you

Superstar remember how you got where you are

Um hum, um hum

Don't change your style now that you've reached the top

Don't choose your friends by what they've got

Remember beneath the glitter and gleam

Like everyday people you're just a human being (Repeat chorus)

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• HAVE YOU SEEN HER

(As recorded by the Chi-Lites) EUGENE RECORD BARBARA ACKLIN

Oh I see her face everywhere I go On the street and even at the picture

Have you seen her, tell me have you seen her

Oh I hear her voice as the cold winds

In the sweet music on the radio Have you seen her, tell me have you seen her

Why oh why did she have to leave and go away

Oh I've been used to having someone to lean on

Now I'm lost baby I'm lost.

Oh she left her kiss upon my lips But she left a break with my heart Have you seen her tell me have you seen her

Oh I see her hand reaching out to me Only she can set me free Have you seen her.

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BABY I'M-A WANT YOU

(As recorded by Bread) DAVID GATĔS Baby I'm-a want you Baby I'm-a need you

You're the only one I care enough to hurt about

Maybe I'm-a crazy
But I just can't live without your Lovin' and affection Givin' me direction like a guiding

light to help me through my darkest hour

Lately I'm-a prayin' That you'll always be a-stayin' beside

Used to be my life was just emotions passing by Feeling all the while and never

really knowing why Then you came along and made me laugh and made me cry

You taught me why Baby I'm-a want you Baby I'm-a need you

Oh it took so long to find you baby Baby I'm-a want you

Baby I'm-a need you.
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MAGGIE MAY

(As recorded by Rod Stewart/Mercury) ROD STEWART MARTIN QUITTENTON

Wake up Maggie I think I got something to say to you

It's late September and I really should be back at school know I keep you amused but I feel

I'm being used

Oh Maggie I couldn't have tried anymore.

You led me away from home Just to save you from being alone You stole my heart and that's what really hurts.

The morning sun when it's in your face really shows your age But that don't worry me none In my eyes you're everything I laughed at all of your jokes
My love you didn't need to coax Oh Maggie I couldn't have tried anymore.

You led me away from home Just to save you from being alone You stole my soul and that's a pain I can do without.

All I needed was a friend to lend a guiding hand

But you turned into a lover and mother what a lover you wore me out All you did was wreck my bed And in the morning kick me in the

Oh Maggie I couldn't have tried anymore.

You led me away from home Cause you didn't want to be alone You stole my heart I couldn't leave you if I tried.

I suppose I could collect my books

and get on back to school
Or steal my daddy's cue and make a living out of playing pool

Or find myself a rock and roll band that needs a helping hand

Oh Maggie I wish I'd never seen your

You made a first class fool out of me But I'm as blind as a fool can be You stole my heart but I love you anyway

Maggie I wish I'd never seen your

I'll get on back home one of these days.

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• GYPSYS, TRAMPS & THIEVES

(As recorded by Cher/Kann) BOB STONE

I was born in the wagon of a traveling

Mama used to dance for the money they'd throw

Papa would do whatever he could Preach a little gospel and sell a couple bottles of Doctor Good.

Gypsys, tramps and thieves we'd hear it from the people of the town They called us gypsys, tramps and

And every nite all the men would come around and lay their money

We picked up a boy just south of mobile

We gave him a ride filled him with a hot meal

I was sixteen he was twenty-one rode with us to Memphis

And papa would have shot if he knew what he'd done.

Gypsys, tramps and thieves we'd hear it from the people of the town They called us gypsys, tramps and thieves and every nite all the men

would come around And lay their money down.

I never had schoolin' but he tau't me well with his smooth southern

But three months later I'm a girl in 'trouble and I haven't seen him for a while

Mm mm I haven't seen him for a while.

Gypsys, tramps and thieves we'd hear it from the people of the town They called us gypsys, tramps and thieves and every nite
All the men would come around and

lay their money down.

She was born in the wagon of a travelin' show

Her mama had to dance for the money they'd throw

And grand-pa would do whatever he would

Preach a little gospel and sell a couple bottles of Doctor Good.

Gypsys, tramps and thieves we'd hear it from the people of the town They called us gypsys, tramps and

And every nite all the men would come around and lay their money down

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FRIENDS WITH YOU

(As recorded by John Denver) **BILL DANOFF** TAFFY NIVERT

What a friend we have in time Gives us children makes us wine Tells us what to take or leave behind And the gifts of growing old

Are the stories to be told of the feelings more precious than gold Friends I will remember you, think

Pray for you and when another day is through

I'll still be friends with you.

Baby's days are never long Mother's laugh is baby's song Gives us all the hope to carry on (Repeat chorus).

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•GIMME SOME LOVING

(As recorded by Traffic) STEVE WINWOOD MUFF WINWOOD SPENCER DAVIS

Well my temperature's rising and my feet left the floor

Crazy people knockin' cause they're wanting some more

Let me in baby I don't know what you've got but you'd better take it

This place is hot and I'm so glad we made it

So glad we made it

I want you gimme some a-lovin' Gimme some a-lovin'

Gimme some a-lovin' every day.

Well my head's exploding and I'm floating to sound too much is happening

Cause you're around

It's been a hard day and nothing went too good

I'm gonna relax like everybody should and I'm so glad we made it So glad we made it

I want you gimme some a-lovin'

Gimme some a-lovin' Gimme some a-lovin' everyday.

Well I feel so good everything is getting hot

You'd better take some time off cause the place is on fire

Better start baby cause I have so much to do

We made it baby and it happened to

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BEHIND BLUE EYES

(As recorded by the Who) PETER TOWNSHEND

No one knows what it's like To be the bad man To be the sad man Behind blue eyes.

hated

To be hated to telling only lies But my dreams, they aren't as empty As my conscience seems to be.

I have hours only lonely My love is vengeance that's never Behind blue eyes.

No one knows what it's like To feel these feelings like I do And I blame you.

None of my pain and woe can show through

But my dreams, they aren't as empty As my conscience seems to be I have hours only lonely

My love is vengeance that's never

When my fist clenches

Crack it open before I use it and lose my cool

When I smile, tell me some bad news Before I laugh and act like a fool If I swallow anything evil

Put your finger down my throat No one knows what it's like to be And if I shiver, please give me a blanket

Keep me warm, let me wear your coat

No one knows what it's like To be the bad man To be the sad man

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EVERYBODY'S **EVERYTHING**

(As recorded by Santana)

CARLOS SANTANA TYRONE MOSS MILTON BROWN

Seems like everybody's waitin' For the new change Come around, come around, come around, come around Waitin' for the day when the king, queen of shows Singing, round, singing round, singing round Singing round, singing round, singing round for everyone Yeah do it.

You can understand everything to Let your spirits dance brothers everywhere Let your head be free Turn the wisdom key Find it naturally See your lucky to be.

If you're sad just spin around and round and round Pes just hold me baby Something on your back Lay it down, lay it down, lay it down, lay it down Don't you know honey maybe You're like my childless hometown This ole town, this ole town, this ole

See it now Time for you to all get down Yeah do it Get ready, get ready, get ready, get ready Dig this sound Spinnin' round and round and round Do it You can understand everything's to share Let your spirits dance brother everywhere Let your head be free Turn the wisdom key Find it naturally see your lucky to be Sing it now Time for you to all get down Yeah do it Get ready, get ready, get ready, get ready Get ready, get ready, get ready, get Singing it now Time for you to all get down.

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JENNIFER

(As recorded by Bobby Sherman) CAROLE BAYER SAGER PETER WOOLNOUGH-ALLEN Funny how so many moments slip away The things I meant to say I should have said them all before

today to Jennifer, Jennifer. Funny how you'd smile and always

understand When I got out of hand Have you forgotten all the fun we planned my Jennifer, Jennifer.

And now you think you're getting in my way And all I want to do is find you, and remind you Even if I may become a star someday

I'd give it all away If it meant that I couldn't always stay with Jennifer, Jennifer So now I'm begging you to come

back home You never have to be alone We'll be as we were my Jennifer. © Copyright 1971 by Sunbeam Music,

ALL I EVER NEED IS YOU

(As recorded by Sonny & Cher/Kapp) IIMMY HOLIĎAY EDDIE REEVES

Sometimes when I'm down and all Just like a child without a home. The love you give me keeps me hangin' Honey, all I ever need is you.

You're my first love, you're my last, You're my future, you're my past And loving you is all I ask, Honey, all I ever need is you.

Without love I'd never find the way, Through the ups and downs of every And I won't sleep at night until you

Honey, all I ever need is you.

Winter's come, then they go And we watch the melting snow, Sure as Summer follows Spring All the things you do give me a reason to build my world around vou.

Some men follow rainbows I am told, Some men search for silver some for gold. But I found my treasure in your soul,

Honey, all I ever need is you.

Without love I'd never find the way, Through the ups and downs of every day, And I won't sleep at night until you

sav.

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I'M STILL WAITING

(As recorded by Diana Ross) DEKE RICHĂRDS I remember when I was five and you were ten boy You knew that I was shy So you teased me and made me cry But I loved you Then one day you came You told me you were leaving You gave your folks the blame And made me cry again
Then you said little girl please don't
wait for me Wait patiently for love Someday it will surely come Little girl please don't wait for me Wait patiently for love Someday it will surely come And I'm still waiting, I'm waiting, I'm waiting (I'm just a fool) I'm waiting (I'm just a fool) for love I'm still waiting. Then someone finally came He told me that he loved me I put him off with lies He could see I had no eyes So he left me once again alone like a child without a playmate I had to face the truth I was still in love with you But you said little girl please don't wait for me Wait patiently for love Someday it will surely come Little girl please don't wait for me Wait patiently for love Someday it will surely come And I'm still waiting. Love has never shown its face Since the day you walked out that door You filled my life with empty space Come back can't you see it's you I'm waiting for (I'm just a fool) don't you know I'm

(I'm just a fool) for love I'm still

I'm just a fool I miss you and I'm

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(I'm just a fool) yeah.

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• TILL

(As recorded by Tom Jones)

CARL SIGMAN CHARLES DANVERS

Till the moon deserts the sky Till all the seas run dry Till then I'll worship you

Till the tropic sun grows cold Till this young world grows old My darling I'll adore you You are my reason to live All I own I would give Just to have you adore me

Till the rivers flow upstream Till lovers cease to dream Till then, I'm yours, be mine.

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• CHERISH



(As recorded by David Cassidy/Bell)

TERRY KIRKMAN

Cherish is the word I say to describe All the feeling I have hiding here for you inside

You don't know how many times I've wished that I had told you

You don't know how many times I've wished that I could hold you You don't know how many times I've wished that I could mold you

Into someone who could cherish me as much as I cherish you.

Oh I'm beginning to think that man has never found the words that could make you want me

That the right amount of letters, just the right sound

That could make you hear, make you see that you're driving me out of my mind

Oh, I could say I need you
But then you'd realize that I want you
Just like a thousand other guys who
say they liked you

Like all the rest of their lives

When all they wanted was to touch your face, your hand and gaze into your eyes.

Cherish is the word that more than applies to the hope in my heart each time I realize

And I'm not going to be the one to share your dreams

That I'm not going to be the one to share your schemes

That I'm not going to be the one to share what seems to be the life That you could cherish me as much as I cherish you.

Cherish me as much I cherish you And I do cherish you.

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•TWO DIVIDED BY LOVE

(As recorded by the Grass Roots)
DENNIS LAMBERT
BRIAN POTTER
MARTY KUPPS

Every night your tears come down and I know
How you're feelin' inside
Loneliness is no one's friend
I've been takin' the same kind of ride
And that just shouldn't be
If you're still lovin' me

Come on baby two divided by love can only be one
And one is a lonely number
Two divided by love can only be one
And one is a lonely number
Two divided by love can only be one
And one is a lonely number

Take away the rain from a flower and the flower just can't grow

Take away the rain from a flower and the flower just can't grow

Take away you from me girl and out of my mind I slowly go.

I'd be lyin' to myself if I said I was gettin' along All I do is think of you and I know that it's here you belong Come on girl make your way We can start from today

Puttin' it back together cause two divided by love can only be sad Can only be broken hearted Two divided and blue should take what they had and go back to where they started.

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●I SAY A LITTLE PRAYER (As recorded by A. Murray & Glen

Campbell)
BURT BACHARACH
HAL DAYID
The moment I wake up
Before I put on my make-up
I say a little prayer for you
While combing my hair now
And wondering what dress to wear

now I say a little prayer for you.

Forever, forever you'll stay in my heart
And I will love you forever, and ever We never will part
Oh how I'll love you
Together, together that's how it must

be
To live without you would only
mean heartbreak for me.

I run for the bus dear
While riding I think of us dear
I say a little prayer for you
At work I'll just take time
And all through my coffee break time
I say a little prayer for you.

Forever, forever you'll stay in my heart
And I will love you forever and ever
We never will part
Oh how I'll love you
Together, together that's how it
must be
To live without you would only
mean heartbreak for me.

My darling believe me
For me there's no one but you
Please love me too
I'm in love with you
Answer my prayer say you love me
too
Won't you answer my prayer
You know everyday I say a little
prayer for me.

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ARRIVALS



Gene Clark

GENE CLARK. Gene comes from Missouri and fell into the local high school rock band circuit there. He remembers: "We had surf bands, which is pretty funny when you realize that Missouri is about as far from the ocean as you can get in the U.S." From here he moved into the folk area, around Kansas and Missouri. He used to hang out with Brewer and Shipley there.

The arrival of the New Christy Minstrels took Gene out of the local folk scene. They signed him to play 12 string was or Green" fore leav

In LA and Day started. half, w national their fai planes,"

had to fly all the time and the pressure got to me. It had nothing to do with musical hassles." he said. He even tried to rejoin the group a couple of times to be defeated by the same prob-

His next step was "Gene Clark with the Godsin Brothers" an album, going back into the country music he'd learned as a boy for Columbia, recorded in 1966 with the help of friends, the Byrds, Leon Russell, Glen Campbell, Larry Marks and Gary Usher.

A couple of years after this with two more friends, Gene and Doug Dillard, he formed Dillard-Clark and the expedition. There was soul searching, musical direction changing, personnel changes, money troubles and thrown out and away recording sessions. In the end, after 18 months, Gene Clark quit.

Now he has his own solo album out, "White Light," on A & M Records.

LABELLE. Philadelphia in 1961 was famous for Fabian, the Orlons, Frankie Avalon, Bobby Rydell and Chubby Checker. At that time Patti LaBelle and Cindy Birdsong were in a group called the Ordetts. Nona Hendryx and Sarah Dash were performing with the Dell Capris. They eventually, after playing together several times, teamed up and formed Patti LaBelle and the BlueBelles. New Town recorded them with "I Sold My Heart To The Junkman" which became an r & b classic, followed by "Down The Aisle, " "You'll Never Walk Alone," "Danny Boy" "Over The Rainbow" and the title "Sweethearts of the Apollo", after they played the celebrated Harlem Theater some 20 times.

In 1967 Cindy Birdsong left to become a Supreme and after auditioning hundreds of girls, including one Cleveland drag queen, the girls decided to make it as a trio.

They signed with Track Records,



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went off the road, threw away the sequined gowns, forgot their choreography, went to England and got their music together again.

It was a rebirth and a name change to the shorter, LaBelle.

The music is different too. Producer Vicki Wickham explained: "We want to show that you can be a black act singing without all that jive-y dancing around. You don't have to sing straight soul just because you are black. There's a concentration on the music now Track have signed them to Warner Brothers.

QUINAIMES BAND, Mike Rosa, along with Dave Palmer and Danny Mansolino, are members of the Quinaimes group. But they go back further than this, almost eight years ago, when they were the Classics, and then the King Bees and then Myddle Class, who managed to get themselves produced by Carole King and Gerry Goffin. That, however didn't help -- when the third single flopped Mike ended up diswashing. Six months later he was with the Bunky and Jake group and when Bunky left Jake, Mike, from Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, stayed with Jake and the group became Jake and the Family Jewels.

Dave Palmer was in the group as was another Quinaimes member, Jeremiah Burnham, a Bachelor of Arts degree holder in classical flute from Marlboro College. Burnham has some strong pre-Quinaimes references: a sting with the James Taylor Flying Machine group and the Fifth Avenue Band.

The aforementioned Mr. Mansolino, on keyboards with Quinaimes was, at 17, a second place winner in the National Accordion Contest of the American Accordion Association and a short time later was watching the rock thing happen as a member of the King Bees. "We wore blue sparkle jackets with black lapels and we'd play anywhere," he recalls.

Guitarist with Quinaimes is Kenny Pine, who was a strong jazz background, working with Howard Johnson's Substructure which had him trying to get out from under a front line of five tubas. He also toured with the infamous Fugs, the incredible Frank Zappa and did lots of session work. Despite the fact he plays steel guitar with the group, at the age of six he was taking lessons on French horn.

After finishing their first Elektra al-

WET WILLIE. Macon, Georgia is the hometown of such artists as Otis Redding, James Brown, Little Richard, more recently The Allman Brothers Band, and now a new group, Wet Willie. Five young musicians comprise Wet Willie: Jimmy Hall, vocals, mouth harp, sax; Jack Hall, bass; Lewis Ross, drums; Ricky Hirsch, lead guitar; and John Anthony, keyboards.

Wet Willie have their roots planted deep into R& B music, the kind of music that they all grew up on. All of the songs on their first album which was recently released on the Capricorn label, are original tunes written by members of the band, with the exception of "Shame, Shame, Shame" which was written by Jimmy Reed.

"Our music", explains Jimmy Hall, "is funky blues, a little rock and roll, a little boogie woogie - good time music. We want the people we play for to have a good time. We like our audiences to get involved in our

show. Having them clap their hands, stomp their feet, letting all their energies flow out, all their inhibitions come loose, so when they go home, they realize that they had a good time."

Wet Willie originally comes from Mobile, Alabama. They moved to Macon about two years ago, and operated out of Macon, playing all the small clubs that most of the Southern groups played at one time or another. Their first album is titled "Wet Willie" and the sound involves blues, rock, jazz and a touch of classical. John Anthony, before joining Wet Willie was a member of the Mobile Symphony Orchestra. A lot of the groups' influence in music comes from artists like Taj Mahal, John Lee Hooker, Fats Domino, as well as more contemporary artists like the Rolling Stones.

The band has been touring around the country with the Allman Brothers Band.



Wet Willie Band



The Quinaimes Band

bum, Quinaimes was joined by Larry Packer, guitarist, mandolin player and fiddler. His background includes delivery truck driver, dishwasher, apple picker, Cat Mother and Sha Na Na.

Describing their music, Danny says
it's "an anthology of rock and roll
sounds."

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Dear Enitor:

I agree with Thomas Steier (May issue) in one respect -articles on the "heavy" supergroups are actually boring. If
you've read one, you've read
them all, at least it seems that
way. However the reason I'm
writing is because of Mr.
Steier's naive opinions about lyric writers. Ray Davies is not one
of the only good lyric writers
around -- a few big hits
doesn't make him this.

I'd like to clue him on to some really big lyric writers. "John B. Sebastian" is an album that is so stuffed with lyrics that it's a wonder they all fit on one LP. "What She Thinks About" and "Magical Connection" have the most fantastic lyrics that I can't imagine why they haven't been released as singles.

I wonder if Mr. Steier has heard of Friends and Lovers, Deep Purple, Billy Joe Royal or Lynn Anderson? I'm sure he has and do you know why -- everyone of them became known with a song written by Joe South. He has four albums going for him and every one of them is chock full of the previous little lyrics that Mr. Steier is looking for. Joe's own "Games People Play" was the best contemporary song and the best song of the year in 1969.

I've been collecting records for a good many years. Groups come and go, styles change and songwriters get lost. When Neil Diamond made the scene it was right in the middle of the Beatles era. The Beatles have come and (though it saddens me to say it) gone. Neil Diamond is still there. When the Monkees were organized, "I'ma Believer" wrote the word success all over them. Neil wrote

that and also "A Little Bit Me, A Little Bit You." And in Neil's latest album "Tap Root Manuscript" he goes from Jesus Christ to Alexander Graham Bell, on to Allen Freed and Buster Keaton in "Done Too Soon." I could list his hits but they'd be far too long for this letter. Neil's written them all -- he's a lion, so let him roar.

David Gedney Bedford Hills, N. Y.



NEIL DIAMOND — he's a lion, so let him roar, says a reader.

Dear Editor,

Early this summer I went to a local folk festival and there was a young man there, named Michael Cooney, who sang to us that the "mass media mind bottlers ain't gonna run this world." Which got me thinking.

It occurred to me that the only reason that the Partridge Family and groups like them are so popular is because of their support by the mass media. If they made a cartoon out of the Rolling Stones (don't laugh, they

of the National Home Study Council,

did it to the Beatles and more recently the Jackson Five), they'd be more popular. It's frightening the power that the mass media has.

J. B. Wanamassa, New Jersey

Dear Editor,

Your article in the November issue, "Religion In Rock" by Nancy Erlich really related to me. I was lost. My parents dragged me to church every Sunday and I got so I was resenting them for it. Then I attended a Campus Crusade for Christ Conference. Next year there will be another in Dallas, Texas for about 100,000 people.

CINDY STENGER, Anaheim, California

Dear Editor,

To Bob Conroy: Your Startling discovery concerning the Beatles and religion (Nov. issue) isn't all so startling, but your means of discovering it are. To start with, your most absurd blunder was to tie "Hey Jude" up with religious significance. While Jude isn't the world's most common name it isn't an unusual one. It certainly isn't short for Judas as you so falsely assume.

Phrases like "you have found her, now go and get her" and "the minute you let her under your skin, then you begin to make it better" don't exactly suggest religious themes to me. The action Paul was prompting Jude to was romantic and not religious, and the listener's ties are the same. If you want to find a song that makes Paul look like he was high on religion, the more obvious choice would be "Let It Be". To suggest that the death of McCartney was one of resurrection into faith is all

No one Beatle pushed the others to religion, but rather they all found it together, with their Indian excursion and their drugs. Perhaps George was first and strongest, but it is evident

in a more recent John Lennon quote than the one you quoted that he too found a sort of religion. He said something like: "I regret having said what I did about the Beatles and Jesus." He went on to say he thought Jesus was a good thing. In any case, his 1967 crack on Christianity was part of the irreverent youth that has been in Lennon a long time. Hunter Davies tells us in his book, "The Beatles" "he used to draw anti-religious and anti-authority cartoons" once he drew one of Christ on the cross with his slippers on. That comment was part of his irreverence, not of his Chris-

What is more, there is nothing startling about "Within You, Without You" being a religious song. It is obvious from the first to be a Harrison song of the Hinduistic belief, reflected in the thoughts and the Indian music used. Once more it was a product of their trip to India, which was before "Sgt. Pepper."

Your ideas are all right, but your research is faulty. And by the way, you said at the preface of your letter the Beatles were now non-existent. I disagree. To those who heard their music they will live forever as the greatest musical entity that ever was. I'll give you 1,000 Creedence's and 1,000,000 Grand Funk's for one Beatle.

MICHAEL DEETER, Manchester, Indiana

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GENYA RAVAN (continued from page 11)

There was a child from a Polish Ghetto who wondered at staticy soul music all night long. She could not understand the words but she felt what the music meant.

Later, in school, a teacher, Mr. Levinsky said she was a good dancer so she had to go to dancing school.

"The first day in my ballet class I did a pirouette and the teacher said, 'Do you see how Goldie did it? She's only been in class one time and she did it right, better than anyone else.' So from then on, you know I was doing pirouettes all over, through the streets, in the school. I mean they dug it so I did it. I was that weird."

It was during her teens that Genva could no longer ignore her sense of isolation on Rivington Street. She desperately flung herself into all kinds of high school dropout opportunities -- information operator, cheesecake modelling, secretary for an import-export company. It was around this time that friends told Genva she had a good voice.

"I remember the first time I sang in public. It was in the Brooklyn in Lollipop It was eight years Lounge. ago. There was a group playing there called the Escorts. It was started by Richard Per-Anyway, I walked into this club and I was with a few girlfriends of mine. I said. 'I am going to get up and sing.' I walked over and asked if they could play 'Lonely Nights' by The Hearts. They said 'Yes.' "

Genva recorded her first record with The Escorts that summer. It was number one in De-

The next phase in Genya's life was an all-woman group called Goldie and the Gingerbreads. It was an exciting time for Genya because although the band had only moderate success in America, it drew an enthusiastic response from English kids. So. Genva found herself living in England. Goldie and the Gingerbreads went on tour with the Rolling Stones. Their hit in England. "Can't You Hear My Heart Beat?" was covered by Herman's Hermits in the U.S.A. Obeying the laws of the universe. Goldie and the Gingerbreads came to an end.

Genva was now getting ready for a solo career. She changed her name from Goldie back to Genya, and decided with a friend to call herself Ravan (a variant spelling of raven). Her plans were interrupted by her introduction to Aram Schefrin and Michael Zager, a lyricist and composer who had a concept for a ten piece band that included a female singer.

From the beginning there was something special about Ten Wheel Drive. It was not just another jazz-rock group. The precise charts pitted the horns and Genya against each other. The soaring tension left everybody flushed and sweating. Maybe another way to measure the impact of the group is to hear the sound of three teen-age girls walking through Sheepshead Bay late at night, singing "Eye of the Needle' at the top of their joyous lungs.

Ten Wheel Drive was a fabulous group that tried to dance its way across a treadmill. The wrong moves were made at times that were too perfect. The right moves were made, too, but not always at the right times. The legacy is three albums on Polydor.

By choice or necessity or fate or intention. Genva Rayan is on her own. Clive Davis believed in her talent and signed her to Columbia Records for a reported \$100,000. Every moment of her life has been preparation for this lunge toward fulfillment. Some people may be surprised, because the private Genva that is slowly being revealed is not only a singer of

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CALL MY NAME, I'LL BETHERE

(As recorded by Wilson Pickett) W. MARTIN D. CRAWFORD B. SHAPIRO

See the sun is shining high up above Rain will follow you when you're in

You may wander or get lost in the

But think of me darling, when you're hurting inside

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(As recorded by the Five Man Electrical Band) LES EMMERSON

Here I am again mama I'm knockin' on your door So vou let me in

I swear I won't be the way I was

Don't you know that I was thinking About what you told me

Rollin' it over in my mind And much to my surprise I find That you were absolutely right

You've been right all along You're absolutely right and I'm wrong. Second time around should be easy

Break down the wall between me and So we can see completely

How easy love can be I know it was you who said It would be me who'd come crawlin' back to you upon my knees

And you were absolutely right You've been right all along You're absolutely right and I'm wrong. I wish that you could see

Oh how bad I want to be Oh the kind of man to who

You'd give your key If you'd let me in the room again Come supper time we'll be sittin' by the fire this evening

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JETHRO TULL

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New Jethro Tull member is Barrie Barlow. Before joining the group he was a semi professional musician, gigging around the north of England. Playing foxtrots and waltzes and backing comedians in the cabarets up there by night, and being an engineer (tool maker actually) by day.

He, with John Evan, Glenn Cornick and Ian Anderson, were among the seven Blackpool musicians who came to London and finally evolved into the first Jethro Tull.

Barlow and John Evan were among the first five of that seven who returned to Blackpool and home after a couple of weeks. "The music had changed from jazz blues into a lot of 12 bar rubbish and I couldn't stand it." Jethro's new drummer recalls. "It had been only the music that kept me going. There was no money and when there was both no money and no music I went back."

John Evan remembered: "Thing with the four of us -- Barrie and Jeffrey and Ian and I, we all started playing together when we were 15. We all had the same influences and evolved the same music. There was Graham Bond -- he had a great influence. Meanwhile we were playing 'Mr. Pitiful' and 'In The Midnight Hour'.

Barrie contradicted: "No, we weren't. We just played those numbers to fill the gap between 'Work Sona' and 'Let The Good Times Roll."



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COMMUNICATION

by Dom Petro

Manners

Manners refers to ways of doing and saying. We are parts of society and in the daily process of living, we need these conventions. Our manners affect others just as their manners affect us. Manners here includes etiquette, or codes of courtesy.

But we tend to think of manners as etiquette and to keep the latter at a minimum. "Thank you," "Pardon me," "Excuse me," become, "Thanks," "Parome," "Skewse," After all, why should we say it when we all know what it is? Why the formalities anyway. Then there's self consciousness. But it is so good when WE are treated courteously, isn't it.

Then there are those who pronounce courtesies distinctly and precisely while giving the impression that a great favor is being bestowed, or that the person addressed must at least be grateful for such exposure.

Excessive casualness, or precision both miss the point of manners.

Why bother? Habit, custom, breeding, evolution of gesture to words have all probably refined our mutual exchanges to a point where a few words take the place of former elaborate gestures. But though they may be honed down to a few words, manners are very necessary for social intercourse. And for more reasons than making it easier for everyone involved. They are an integral part of communication and relationships. Without manners we would grunt, groan, gesture, or simply arrive and leave without a sound.

The very word indicates the WAY something is said or done. It shows the person's bearing -- his style. This means that manners reveal something of our personalities. We cannot help but affect our manners in our individual ways. They are a means for our ways of impressing and expressing.

But many of us think that good manners are false, affected, hypocritically necessary social acts. Probably a hangover from the frontier days. "Jes plain folks. We don't put on no fancy airs!"

If manners are a form of social hypocrisy, then all other social exchanges are the same. So much in society depends upon our behavior. Things can be easily stolen, people easily hurt, and it all depends upon our mutual agreement that we don't do harm that all goods are not locked behind bars for our viewing and we don't wear guns or hire individual guards. A society is a

group of people living and working together and it is impossible to guard against or prevent all possible violence or thefts. We agree to a reasonable set of standard guards against criminal actions. But the rest is up to us individually. We restrain our impulses depending upon our degrees of civilized consciousness. Without civilized restraints and training there would be anarchy, chaos, no society at all. Eat food with hands, grab what's wanted, bash anyone for little reason and then let's get back to the caves because that's real honesty.

Eating at table and using cutlery properly is necessary, at least for sanitary reasons, and so are manners necessary for social

Our basic temperamental fits and starts move us to do this or that on impulse but we must choose our actions carefully. While driving, an honest burst of temper could well mean disaster. What price honest? Or is it really honesty? The pain resulting from bad manners may not include broken bones but it can hurt nevertheless. Crude behavior is entirely unnecessary and simply proves that some people insist upon being honest chimpanzees, and many times without the chimp's charm.

Honest action and reaction is not necessarily impulsive or animal any more than correct behavior is stiff affectation.

Good manners involves recognition of the situation and OTHER PERSONS. If we must be social creatures then we must have manners of some kind and preferably pleasant and helpful.

There are those that think that clothes include manners. The very finest and carefully chosen clothing accompanied by crude manners is still crude manners only, and not very welcome. The poorest clothing and pleasant understanding manners would certainly be more welcome.

If we all dressed somewhat the same and stuck fairly close to a prescribed code of manners while retaining our actual freedoms otherwise, our various individuals would still stand out unaffected by the lack of clothing variety. Individuals are individuals in or out of uniform. WHAT we do makes us what we are. HOW we do what we do shows the quality of what we are. HOW we do what we do stamps and shapes us more than what we wear or do. The latter two are results.

No one is advising you to go bowing and scraping before others or affecting any false

mannerisms. But even a, "Pardon me." which comes out automatically insituations and said with some forced or affected kindness or consideration will help create a more comfortable atmosphere for further communication than a, "Pardon me," said with the expressive force of a tired fish. Decent manners helps bring communication to a comfortable level and our social guards and fears diminish enough so we can get to know each other better.

If we must stay in a society we must adopt its code and manners, or go to a desert island and be ourselves.

And adopting a code is not giving in to anything. The choice is not only inevitable but advisable. It saves the distortion of character that comes with trying to be one's self by denying all codes. In fact, the social codes are good measuring sticks against which we can see our changes and feelings. How we handle these codes of behavior is the real measure of our imaginations, character, and individuality. Merely sneering at society's codes, or, calling them hypocrisies is all beside the point. Society's code of behavior is there, like it or not, and it is the only thing that really holds us together socially. The alternatives are hate. fear, silence, suspicion, and other results of stubborn blindness. Manners change with time and conditions. We all help change them. They may not suit or fit us all but we can individually adopt and adapt them to our individual modes of doing and saying so that far from being crushed by society's social demands, we have affected, used and perhaps even enjoyed the code. Work with and in it. If we were so afraid that our individuality might be crushed or lost with social etiquette, then it certainly wasn't strong to start with.

And since when is crudeness more honest than politeness? Why do we generally assume that the truth hurts, that being honest might be equated with picking one's nose in public? This is the 20th century and we have moved through and past some pretty awful and pretty complicated codes of behavior in the past 19 centuries. Affecting crudeness which belongs in some distant and past periods is as much false and downright phoney as affecting courtly behavior of say the time of Louis XI. To deny what has been learned and to adopt the slovenly, the sloppy, is the real hypocrisy. There were always individuals in all periods and they adopted and lived with their current codes of behavior which they wore in their own fashion. We are 20th century and with today's modes and codes of communication. There is no reason for not knowing what current modes of behavior

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THE DRIFTERS

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Rudy.

Moore has sung lead since then. Today he's a comfortably well off man, though other members of the Drifters over the years haven't fared so well. Like Rudy Lewis, David Baughn is dead -- Bill Millar's book records that he was on skid row. Gerhart Thrasher and Bobby Hendricks are back at regular jobs outside music.

As far as recording goes, it would be an optimist who would put money on the Drifters recapturing their glorious past. The past, when the Drifters because of their commercial success had first refusal of the cream of new material, has long gone. (Wouldn't it be nice though -- romantic that I am -- if Carole King could write something for them?)

The band haven't recorded at all since "A Rose By Any Other Name" last year and their plans in that direction are a little sketchy. Moore agrees that the problem lies with the lack of good writers and adds: "Because we had such good material in the past, people wouldn't acept anything below that standard today.

"And again, as a band, we never had writers of our own."

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Bless your mother bless your father

But most of all bless you bless me Let our love last for eternity People will try to break it They don't wanna see us make it

They don't wanna see us make it We'll never let them take it no siree

Like the mighty river a million miles long
Goodness knows we love each other

just as strong
If people had love to share like we do
They'd know the happiness I'm find-

ing here with you

(repeat chorus)

Oh I've got you and baby you've got me

I want to thank someone for letting it be

Bless your mother bless your father But most of all bless you bless me Let our love last for eternity We're gonna make it boy They'll never break it boy I wanna shout for joy It's heavenly oh

Bless you bless me Let our love last for eternity We're gonna make it boy They'll never break it boy I wanna shout tor joy It's heavenly oh.

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NIGEL OLSSON

Drum Orchestra and Chorus (Uni Records)

Nigel Olsson is Elton John's affable drummer. Surprisé. .he has a voice and a damn good one in fact. On his first album he's helped by, and as a part of the chorus, B.J. Cole, Dee Murray, Mick Grabham and the magical Caleb Quave.

The first track "Sunshine Looks Like Rain" is one of the strongest cuts on the album. A haunting melody and more so lyrics add to the strength. "Nature's Way" is really fine, the guitar at times could be toned down, but a great chorus. The Leon Russell tune "Hummingbird," with Kathi McDonald as lead vocalist, is given a sizeable treatment. "Some Sweet Day" is the gem of the LP. With vocal help from Claudia Linnear and a piano intro borrowed from Reg Dwight and guitar by Caleb Quaye. Nigel's only religious tune on the album becomes a masterpiece. It was Nigel's first American single but due to top 40 radio it probably won't be heard. "And I Know in My Heart," leading off side two, is the folk segment and comes off really nice. "China" the final track is probably the group's attempt at a love song.

Nigel's debut is an auspicious one. It's worthy of any collection. Also the colour photo of Nigel on the cover is a treat.

David I. Salidor. Baldwin, New York

MOODY BLUES

Every Good Boy Deserves Favour (Threshhold Records)

When I hurried out to get the album and finally settled back to listen, I was as delighted as I had been in the past. It's difficult to look at this new release with objectivity because I look upon anything they produce as pure genius and beauty.

The symbolism in "Procession" is incredible and to define it here, would be to spoil its effect for those of you who have yet to secure the album. "One More Time To Live" is the most beautiful track from the album both instrumentally and lyrically while "Nice To Be Here" tends to hurl you back to the days when lying on your back staring up into the sky adorned with clouds

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was the heaviest thing you could accomplish and probably still is. It's the sort of song that carries you away but that ends suddenly with the beginning of "You Can Never Go Home", which with subtle music brings you down to earth once more in a frightening realization.

"The Story In Your Eyes" which is currently a top selling single will be the only

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CAROLE KING - her "Tapestry" album is a portrait of a great composer, says a reader.

CAROLE KING

Tapestry (Ode Records)

This album has become a no. 1 seller in a very short time and for good reason. It is a refreshing change from most LP's. The main reason for this is that the main instrument is the piano with a bit of sax & violin. The songs on this album do not suffer from lack of blaring electric guitar or drums.

Besides including her two hit songs: "It's Too Late" & "I Feel The Earth Move," the album has her recording of "Where You Lead" and her own beautiful version of "You've Got A Friend," which is probably the best song on the album.

The LP also contains two early compositions of hers, "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow" and "Natural Woman." The bouncy "Smackwater Jack" is a credit to any album and the beautiful and poetic "Tapestry" deserves to hold the title of the album. Other songs speak of loneliness or a desire to be at peace with one's self. "Beautiful" points out a usual problem these days when she looks at people and sees "Mirrored in their faces I see frustration growing. If they don't see it why should !?".

All these songs round out the portrait of a truly great composer and performer of our times.

V. Fronczak. Columbus, Ohio

BLACK OAK ARKANSAS

(Atco Records)

All of the guys on this remarkable album are from, as the name implies, Black Oak Arkansas or the surrounding area. This band used to rock in all the little towns around here and in Tennessee, mostly Memphis, before splitting for Los Angeles. Back a few years they were the freakiest thing going in this part of Arkansas.

The thing that people notice is the unforgettable voice of Jim 'Dandy' Mangrum. He has a harsh gravel-grating voice that tells you he's down home and honest as any cotton picking Arkansas farm hand.

This album contains no 'head' music. it's all good of foot stomping trucking music. That's why they're better live than on an album because all that energy and excitement they generate can't really be put into an LP. There is "Lord Have Mercy on My Soul" and if there is any kind of a head trip on the album, it's the one. Mangrum talks like an old country preacher and then they get into the song which is another rocker. A chopped up version of this is their new single. The last cut is "When Electricity Came To Arkansas" and it is just that, super electric. There's a lot of commotion at the beginning and the end to simulate a live performance. What they are trying to do is put the song in its natural environment -- live! I make no claims that the three Black Oak guitarists are better than Hendrix, Clapton etc., but they do get it together.

Jim Rusidoff. Wynee, Arkansas

GENYA RAVAN (continued from page 54)

feeling, but an accomplished actress. She tried out for and received a key role in the recent off-Broadway production of "Mahagonny" but turned it down because she didn't want to leave Ten Wheel Drive. She also has a remarkable comedy sense

"You know I always loved it when people laughed. And I'm still that way in a lot of ways. If I weren't singing I would have been doing something -- acting, comedy," she admits. "Most comedy is taken out of -how shall I put it - - most comedians are very screwed up. They've had very hard childhoods and they've been through very, very bad scenes, and the only way they could survive is to make a joke of it. Can you dig that a little bit?' □ NORMAN SCHREIBER



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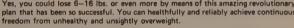
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RALPH MCTELL You Well Meaning Brought Me Here (Paramount) McTell is a singer-composer who deals with miniatures. He may work in the folk bag but he doesn't have the cosmic approach. If he feels like writing an anti-war or pacifism song, then he draws it down to his own experience and talks about the TV commercials for joining the Army. Gus Dudgeon produced this - he does the same thing for Elton John -- and he has framed the McTell sincerity very simply, allowing the man and the music to come through. Perhaps McTell is a little serious, some humor would have been welcome in this very impressive debut album.

GAYLE MCCORMICK (Dunhill). Gayle used to be with Smith and now is more or less solo, although she works with the Underhand Band at concerts. Her single "It's A Crying Shame" is included in this very solid commercial solo album. Not over produced, it shows that Gayle's roots are solid and bluesy. WINWOOD, CAPAL-DI. MASON, WOOD, CRECH, KWAKU BAAH, GORDON Welcome To The Cantten (United Artists) A strange one -- heavily Traffic, including items familiar to followers of that group, and Dave Mason, and even Spencer Davis, recorded live at various places, and having some efficient propulsion from Reebop Kwaku. Winwood shows off his flash and it's good to have some live excitement from this talented group.

JONATHAN EDWARDS (Capricorn) The tunes sound as if they could have been done by J*m*s T*yl*r but Edwards doesn't fit into that strait jacket as a singer.

ARETHA FRANKLIN Greatest Hits (Atlantic) Simply that, although geared to singles. There's "Respect" "Dr. Feelgood," "A Natural Woman" and her new one "Spanish Harlem." Sturdy soul of high calibre.

HOWARD WALES & JERRY GARCIA Hooteroll (Douglas). The Grateful Dead guitarist with Wales on keyboards and there is a lot of jazz feeling included in the cuts. Much of it comes through like a Black blues-riff band, the sort you used to get behind early Jimmy Witherspoon and B B King, although Garcia's rock roots don't let him get too far away. It rocks along with "South Side Strut" and gets into drifting with "One AM Approach." Some loose edges but on the whole a tight controlled album.

RASPUTIN'S STASH (Cotillion) Latest group to move into the heavy, soul-black-jazz-blues field, a la Sly. Has touches of all this and Latin, plus some street corner jive. Perhaps too many eggs are being placed in one basket here, when they cut down on the non essentials it should be some driving band.

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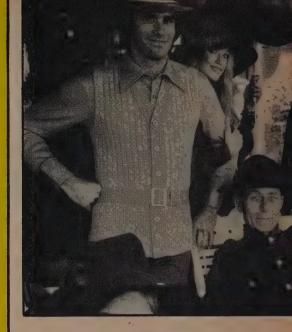
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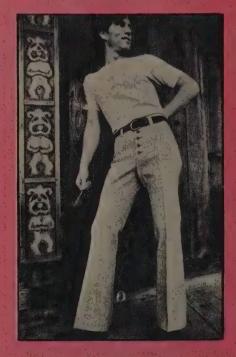


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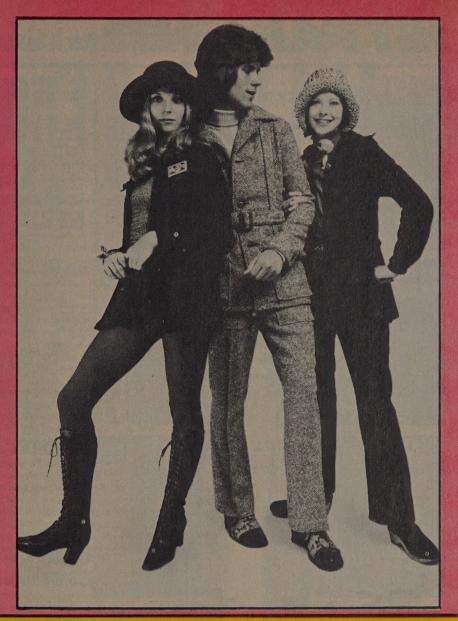
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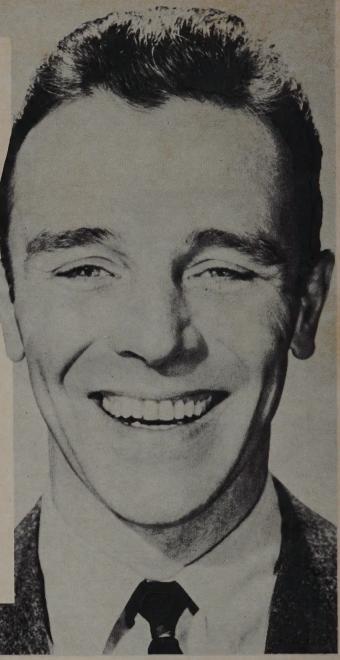
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